



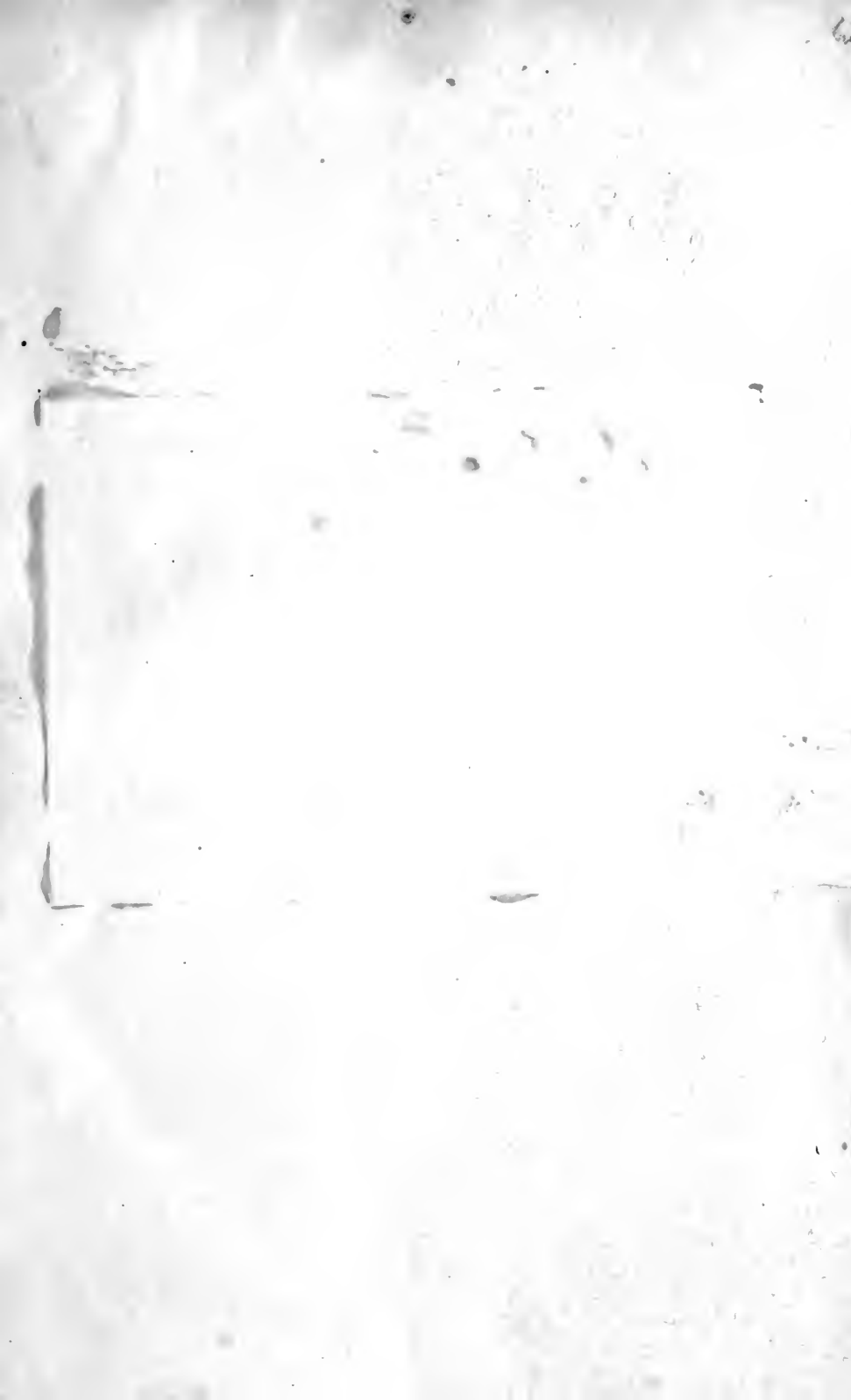
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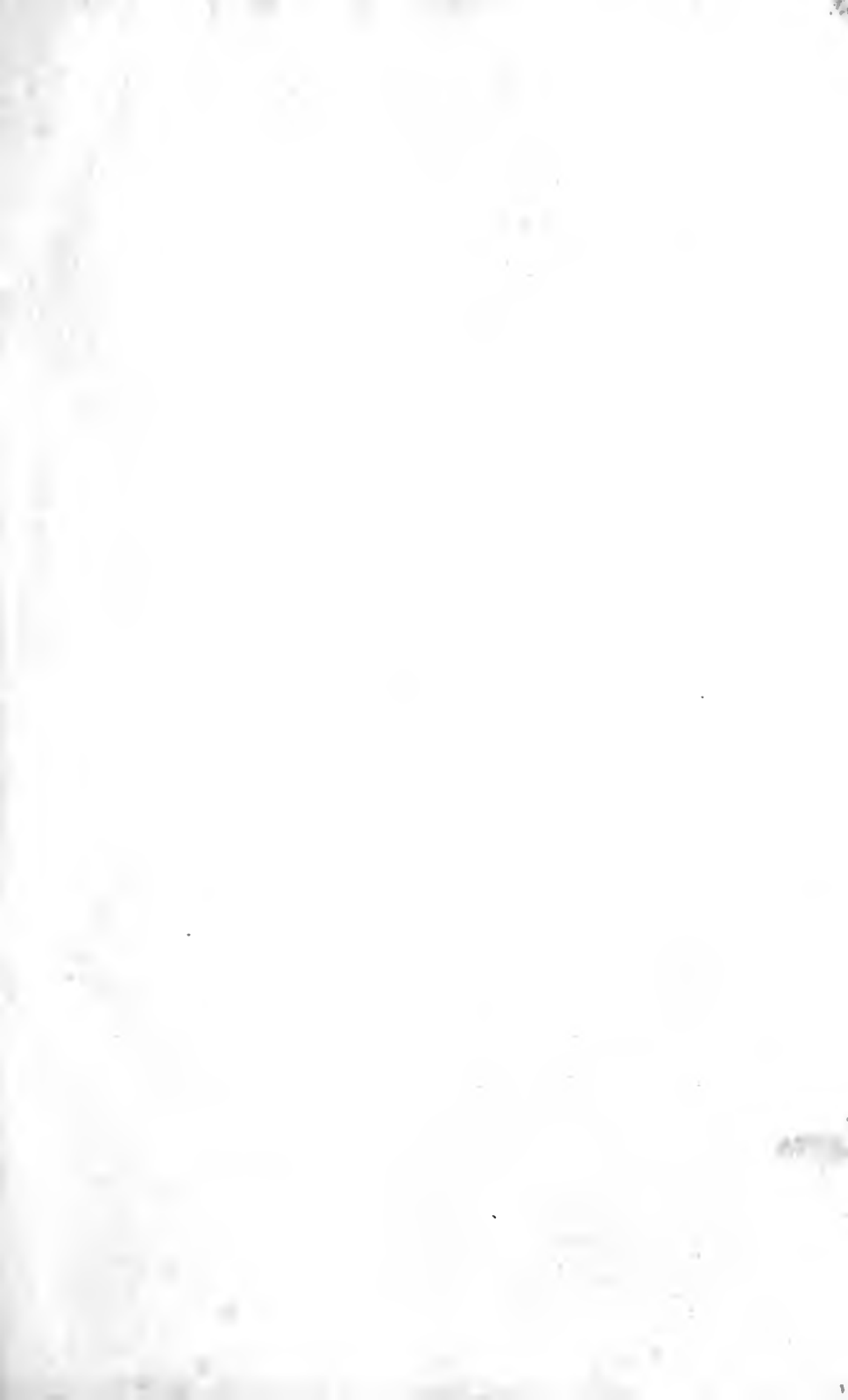
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# MINUTES

## OF THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1802.

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The History of the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in the United States, has not been preserved and circulated with that care, the importance of its ecclesiastical connection with the civil policy, and improvement of society, that by many persons is thought desirable, where these reminiscence can be gathered, and thus preserve the doings of the early fathers of the Church, we conceive it to be a duty we owe to posterity to see that it is done. Under this impression, the subscriber has long had it in contemplation, at a proper time, to make the experiment of securing the patronage of the religious public, to the publishing "*The Records of the Synod of Pittsburgh*," as one of the best means of preserving something of the early History of the Presbyterian Church in Western Pennsylvania, Western Virginia, and Eastern and Northern Ohio. That period seems to have arrived; after conferring with several friends during the meeting of Synod at Allegheny City, in 1850, the following paper was presented, and passed unanimously:—

"Whereas, MR. LUKE LOOMIS intimates a wish to publish the minutes of this Synod from the origin of its organization, Therefore,

"Resolved, That the Synod express their approbation of this enterprise, direct the Stated Clerk to afford him all proper access to the records in his hands, and recommend to the members of Synod to encourage by their patronage, this laudable undertaking."

In the district of country formerly embraced by the Synod of Pittsburgh, now occupied by the Synods of Ohio, Wheeling, and Pittsburgh, according to the last published Reports, there were four hundred and seventy Churches, over two hundred and ninety Ministers, and one hundred and fifteen Licentiates and Candidates in our own connection, exclusive of other branches of the Presbyterian Church, not now in connection with the Pittsburgh and other Synods, will also patronize our undertaking.

On reference to the Records, we find them contained in *Five Volumes*, together making *sixteen hundred and fifty pages* of manuscript, which will make SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY TO EIGHT HUNDRED PAGES, Octavo, on Small Pica Type, which we will issue in TWO VOLUMES. The present volume embraces the proceedings, commencing with its organization, in September, 1802, to October, 1832, inclusive. The first volume of manuscript records is in many parts, almost illegible, being wrote in a very small hand, and, in many places faded, so that, with these great difficulties, the printer has in some instances been compelled to make the best sense he could, of parts of paragraphs. So also in the names of members, apparently the same persons; there has not been uniformity of writing them observed in the record; and with our best endeavor to be correct, we have no doubt sometimes not attained our object, and for such errors we claim the indulgence of a candid and liberal public.

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# MINUTES &c.

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## EXTACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1802, IN PHILADELPHIA.

*Resolved*, That the Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio, and Erie, be constituted a Synod, to be known by the name of "THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH;" that they hold their first meeting in the Presbyterian Church at Pittsburgh, on the last Wednesday in September next, and be opened with a sermon by the Rev. James Power, or, in case of his absence, by the next senior minister present; and that they afterwards meet on their own adjournments.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 29th, 1802.

*Whereas* the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United states of America, at the request of the members of the Synod of Virginia, resolved that the same be divided into three Synods; and that the Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio and Erie, be constituted a Synod to be known by the name of the Synod of Pittsburgh; and that they hold their first meeting in the Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, on the last Wednesday of September next.

The Synod of Pittsburgh met, agreeably to the resolution of the General Assembly, and the Rev. James Power, who was appointed to open the Synod, being sick, it was opened by the Rev. John M'Millan with a sermon on Rom. 8:6.

The Synod was constituted with prayer.

The members present were of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Messrs. Jacob Jennings, John M'Pherrin, Samuel Porter, George Hill, William Swan, David Smith, and James Adams.

Elders, James Cunningham, John Woods, Robert Pipes, Matthew Turner, Joseph Pierce, and John Bell.

Absent, the Rev. James Power, Joseph Henderson, James Dunlap, and Francis Laird.

### OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO,

The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, Joseph Patterson, James Hughs, John Brice, Thomas Marquis, Samuel Ralston, William Woods, George Scott, John Anderson, Andrew Gwinn, John M'Clane, Elisha Macurdy, and James Snodgrass.

Elders, Hugh Cunningham, Nathaniel Coleman, James Edgar, Manuel Hoover, James Ewing, Alexander M'Candless, John Riddle, and Wm. Hughes.

Absent, the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Moor, John Watson and Joseph Anderson.

#### OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE,

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hughes, William Wick, Samuel Tate, Joseph Stockton, Robert Lee, James Satterfield, William Wiley, John Boyd and Abraham Boyd.

Elders, William Matthews and William Porter.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator, and Clerks, when the Rev. Jacob Jennings was chosen Moderator, and the Revs. James Hughes and David Smith, Clerks.

The Synod appointed the Revs. John M'Pherrin, Thomas Marquis and Thomas Hughes; together with James Cunningham, John Riddle and William Porter, Elders, to be a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, William Swan, and William Wick were appointed a committee to draft rules for the regulation of this Synod in their proceedings.

The Rev. John M'Pherrin and Samuel Porter were appointed a committee to examine the records of Ohio Presbytery; and the Rev. George Scott and Elisha Macurdy were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie, and make report before the rising of the Synod.

The Rev. Joseph Badger, a missionary under the direction of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, being present and invited, took a seat as a corresponding member.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1802.

The Synod met according to adjournment; members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last Session were read.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported to the Synod that they had gone through the trials of Mr. Robert Steel, an ordained minister from the Presbytery of Londonderry, in Ireland, agreeably to the regulations of the General Assembly respecting the admission of foreign ministers, and had agreed to receive him; they also laid before the Synod an extract from the Minutes of the General Assembly, attested by their Stated Clerk, which shows that the credentials of Mr. Steel had been approved of by the Assembly as sufficient. The Synod approved of the proceedings of the Presbytery in the case, and agreed to receive Mr. Steel as a member of the Presbyterian body in America. Mr. Steel, therefore, being informed by the Moderator of his reception, took his seat as a member.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported that they consist of eleven



ordained ministers, viz: The Rev. James Power, pastor of the congregation of Mount Pleasant; Joseph Henderson, p. Ebenezer and Black Lick; James Dunlop, p. Laurel Hill; Jacob Jennings, p. Delap's Creek and Little Redstone; J. M'Pherrin, p. Salem; Samuel Porter, p. Congruity; George Hill, p. Fairfield and Donnegal; Wm. Swan, p. Long Run and Sewickly; David Smith, p. Rehoboth and Round Hill; James Adams, p. George's Creek and Union; Francis Laird, p. Poke Run and Plumb Creek.

The Rev. John Black, a member of this body, was removed by death on the 16th day of August last. The pastoral relation between Mr. Adams and New Providence congregation has been dissolved. The following candidates have been received on trial for the ministry, viz: Messrs. John Wright, James Guthry, Robert M'Garough and James Galbreath. They have under their care two licentiates, Messrs. William Moorhead and James M'Clane, a licentiate formerly under the care of the Presbytery of Carlisle.

They have the following vacant congregations under their care, viz: Pittsburgh, able to support a minister; Greensburgh and Unity in connection, able; Pitt Township and M'Keesport in connection, able; Morgantown and Middletown in connection, able; New Providence, Uniontown, Tyrone, Sandy Creek, Crossings, Clarksburg, Tygar's Valley, Somerset, Turkey Foot, Wheatfield and Stony Creek, not able. They have finished the trials of Mr. Robert Steel, and agreed to receive him, and ordered their Stated Clerk to lay his papers, and their whole proceedings respecting him, before the Synod at its next meeting.

The Presbytery of Ohio reported that they consist of sixteen ordained ministers, viz: The Rev. John M'Millan, pastor of Charrier's congregation; Joseph Patterson, p. Raccoon; James Hughs, p. Lower Buffalo and Short Creek; J. Brice, p. Three Ridges and Wheeling; Thos. Marquis, p. Cross Creek; Thomas Moor, p. Ten Mile; Samuel Ralston, p. Mingo Creek and Horse Shoe Bottom; Wm. Woods, p. Bethel and Lebanon; George Scott, p. Mill Creek and the Flats; John Anderson, p. Upper Buffalo; Andrew Gwin, p. Pigeon Creek and Pike Run; John Watson, p. Miller's Run; Jos. Anderson, p. Richlands, Short Creek, and Cross Roads; J. M'Clane, p. Montures; Elisha Macurdy, p. Cross Roads and Three Springs; J. Snodgrass, p. Steubenville and Island Creek.

They have received the Rev. John Anderson from the Presbytery of Orange, and installed him as pastor in the congregation of Upper Buffalo. They have likewise received Mr. William Wylie from the Presbytery of West Lexington, ordained him to the work and office of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him as pastor in the united congregations of Upper and Lower Sandy and Fairfield; that they have also ordained Mr. James Satterfield to the work and office of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him as pastor in the united congregations of Moorfield and Upper Neshanack; that they have dismissed the Rev. Boyd Mercer to join the Presbytery of Redstone; that they have also dismissed the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hughes, William Wick, Joseph Stockton, Samuel Tate, Robert Lee,

James Satterfield, and William Wylie to form the Presbytery of Erie; that they have also dismissed Messrs. Wm. Woods and Robert Patterson, licentiates, to put themselves under the care of the Presbytery of Erie; that they have four licentiates, viz: Stephen Lindly, Cephas Dodd, Robert Johnston and Alexander Cook; and that Mr. Smiley Hughes was removed by death on the 11th of November last; that they have one candidate for the Gospel Ministry, viz: Mr. Jacob Lindly.

They have nine vacant congregations, viz: Washington, able to support a minister; New Lancaster and Rush Creek in connection, able. The following are not yet able, viz: Jefferson, Waynesburg, Charleston, Grave Creek, Yellow Creek, and Long Run.

The Presbytery of Erie reported that they consist of nine ordained ministers, viz: The Rev. Thomas Hughes, pastor of Mount Pleasant and New Salem; Wm. Wick, p. Hopewell and Youngstown; Samuel Tate, p. Coolspring and Upper Salem; Joseph Stockton, p. Meadville and Sugar Creek; Robert Lee, p. Amity and Big Spring; James Satterfield, p. Moorfield and Upper Neshanack; William Wylie, p. Fairfield, Upper and Lower Sandy; John Boyd, p. Union and Slatelick; Abraham Boyd, p. Bull Creek and Middlesex.

They have ordained the Rev. Messrs. John Boyd and Abraham Boyd, and installed them in their respective congregations; that they have taken under their care Mr. William Woods, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Ohio; that the following vacancies within their bounds are able to support a minister, viz: Slippery Rock and Lower Neshanack, able; Westfield and Poland, able; Upper and Lower Greenfield and Erie, able; Scrubgrass and Bear Creek, able. The following vacancies are not able to support a minister, viz: Warren, Breakneck, Thorn's Tent, Concord, Franklin, Big Sugar Creek, Oil Creek, Gravel Run, Middle Brook, Power's Mill, Crossings of Cusawaga, and Pymatuning.

The Committee appointed to prepare a draught of Rules for the regulation and government of this Synod reported the following which was adopted.

### RULES OF SYNOD.

1st. The Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Synod stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; and, on the appearance of six ministers, they being from different Presbyteries, with whatever elders may be present, shall open the Session with prayer, and on every adjournment shall conclude with prayer.

2d. The Moderator may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members.

3d. The Synod, at every meeting, shall appoint a Committee of Bills and Overtures, to prepare and digest business for the Synod; any person thinking himself aggrieved by this Committee, may complain to the Synod.

4th. Petitions, references and appeals, and usually all new propositions shall be laid before the Committee of Bills and Overtures, before they be offered to the Synod.

5th. A motion made must be seconded, and afterwards reported by the moderator, or read aloud, before it is debated, and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the moderator or any member require it.

6th. Any member who shall have made a motion, shall have liberty to withdraw it before any debate had thereon, but not afterwards, without leave of the Synod.

7th. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once; on all other questions, each member may speak twice, but not oftener without express leave of the house.

8th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received unless to amend it, to commit it, for the previous question, or to adjourn.

9th. The previous question shall be in this form; shall the main question be now taken, and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment and farther debate of the main question.

10th. An amendment may be moved on any motion, and shall be decided before the original motion.

11th. If a question under debate contains several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

12th. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall treat his fellow members, especially the moderator, with decency and respect. If a member act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the moderator, and the privilege of the other members to call him to order.

13th. A question shall not be called up, or reconsidered at the same session of Synod at which it has been decided, unless by consent of two-thirds of the members who were present at the decision.

14th. Any members who may think themselves aggrieved by a decision of the Synod shall have his dissent or protest, with the reasons, entered upon the records of Synod, or filed among their papers, if given in before the rising of the Synod.

15th. If any member act indecently or disorderly, contrary to these rules, the moderator shall reprove, or otherwise censure him, as the Synod shall judge proper, and if any member shall think himself denied of any right, or unjustly blamed by the moderator, he shall not speak disrespectfully to him, but modestly require the decision of the house in the case.

The Synod having found from the Presbyterian reports, that a member of the Ohio Presbytery had been dismissed to join the Presbytery of Redstone, and that he had not joined said Presbytery to which he had been dismissed: The Synod expressed their disapprobation of any member remaining in this disconnected state, and ordered the Presbytery of Ohio to enquire of the member the reasons why he has not connected himself with the Presbytery of Redstone.

A petition from the congregation of New Providence, at present

under the care of the Presbytery of Redstone, was brought into Synod, praying that said congregation should be dismissed from the care of said Presbytery, in order that they might put themselves under the care of the Ohio Presbytery. The Synod granted their request, and authorised the Ohio Presbytery to take said congregation under their care as soon as they satisfy them that they have discharged the debt, they are in to their former Pastor.

The Rev. James Power came at this time, his reasons for not coming sooner was sustained, adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

#### THURSDAY, 2 o'clock P. M.

Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above. After prayers the minutes of the last session were read.

An appeal from the judgment of the Presbytery of Ohio, wherein James Gaston is censured as guilty of Incest, in marrying his wife's sister's daughter, was laid before the Synod through the Committee of Overtures, which was taken up and considered at some length, and the farther consideration thereof was postponed until to-morrow.

The following question was through the Committee of Overtures laid before Synod, viz: Should the circumstance of a person's having given information against a Church member prevent the informer from giving testimony in the case, when the offence is neither private nor personal.

The above question was unanimously answered in the negative.

The Synod required that the members who composed the commission of the Synod of Virginia, on the West side of the Allegheny mountains, should make report to-morrow to this Synod, of their proceedings, and the state of the missionary fund. Messrs. Thomas Hughes, Macurdy, Badger and Edgar were appointed a Committee to digest a plan for the transaction of the missionary business, and to make report to-morrow.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### FRIDAY Morning,

Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayers the minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio and Erie, made their report respectively, which were received and the records were approved.

Synod resumed the consideration of the appeal from the judgment of Ohio Presbytery, after some farther deliberations had on the subject, it was moved and carried, that the farther consideration thereof be postponed until the next meeting of Synod. The Rev. George Hill and Mr. Robert Piper obtained leave of absence.

The Committee appointed to draft a plan for the transaction of the missionary business, made their report, which being amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

1. The Synod of Pittsburgh, shall be stiled the Western missionary Society.

2. The object of the Missionary Society is to diffuse the knowledge of the Gospel among the inhabitants of the new settlements, the Indian Tribes, and if need be, among some of the interior inhabitants, where they are not able to support the gospel.

3. The society shall annually appoint a board of Trust, consisting of seven members, a majority of whom shall be a quorum, whose duty it shall be to transact all missionary business which may occur, necessary to be done, between the annual meetings of the Society, which Board shall meet quarterly.

4. It is required of the Trustees, that they employ none as missionaries except those who give credible evidance of being the subjects of special grace, and of that christian zeal, wisdom, information and experience in ministerial labours, which may enable them to do the work of evangelists in the most self-denying circumstances.

5. The Board of Trust shall have authority to draw money from the Treasury to pay the missionaries whom they have appointed.—It is expected also, that the Board of Trust will give directions to the missionaries how long they shall be out, and where their field of mission shall be.

6. The Board of Trust are required to lay before the Society, at their annual meeting, in fair records, all their proceedings, together with the journals of the missionaries, and if it can be to have the missionaries attend themselves.

7. That the Society engage a suitable person annually, to preach a missionary sermon on the Thursday next after the opening of the Synod, atwhich a collection shall be made for the support of missionaries.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock P. M.

Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayers the minutes of the last session were read.

Agreeably to the above plan, the Synod proceeded to the election of members as a Board of Trust, when the following persons were duly elected, viz: The Rev. Messrs. John McMillan, David Smith, Thomas Marquis and Thomas Hughes, together with Messrs. James Edgar, William Plummer and James Caldwell, Elders.

Mr. William McKinley was chosen Treasurer of the Society.

On motion the Rev. Messrs. James Hughes and Wm. Swan were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the former Treasurer of the Commission of the Synod of Virginia, and make report to-morrow morning.

The Commission of the Synod of Virginia were desired to make out a perticular statement of their proceedings in the missionary business, and bring it in to-morrow morning.

The Synod appointed Messrs James Power, Samuel Ralston and James Edgar, a Committee to examine accounts of the Treasurer,

to whose care were committed the donations to form a fund for the support of poor and pious youths, while obtaining an education for the Gospel ministry, and to make report at the next meeting of Synod.

On motion it was agreed that the compensation to be given to missionaries for their services, shall be twenty dollars per month.

The Rev. John McPherrin was appointed a missionary for one month, to commence on the third Sabbath instans, his field of mission to be in the Connecticut Reserve.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY, October 2, 1802.

The Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above, except Mr. Tate, who obtained leave of absence.

After prayers the minutes of the last session were read.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a stated Clerk, when the Rev. John McMillan was chosen.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the commission of the Synod of Virginia, made their report, which was received, and is as follows: That the accounts of the Treasurer appeared to be regularly and fairly kept, that the amount of contributions received into the fund is, £375. 7s. 8d.

The Expenditures, . . . . . 200. 8. 0.

Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, . . £174. 19. 8.

The Committe of the Synod of Virginia handed in their statement, which was received, and is as follows: Within the last year the Commission of the Synod have appointed six missionaries, viz: Mr. Robert Patterson was appointed to itenerate through the settlements near to Lake Erie, for six Sabbaths, beginning the 4th Sabbath of November last.

Messrs. Marquis an Brice were appointed to itenerate six Sabbaths, each through the settlements in the North Western Territory. Messrs. Patterson and McMillan were appointed to itenerate four Sabbaths, each through the settlements near to Lake Erie. Mr. Joseph Patterson was appointed to go last summer to the Shawanese Indians, to set out about the first of May, and continue five months.

Mr. Alexander Cook, licentate under the care of the Ohio Presbytery, was appointed to spend five months at Sandusky to instruct the Indians in the knowledge of the Gospel of Christ.

Mr. Alexander Matthews was also appointed to go to the Shawanese Indians to instruct them in Agriculuture, and in the first principles of religion, to continue six months, at the rate of ten dollars per month.

The missionaries have all fulfilled their appointments, except Messrs. Joseph Patterson and Alexander Cook, who, though they went to the places to which they were directed, did not meet with that friendly reception they expected from the Indians, and returned in about two months.

It was proposed that the Synod endeavour to promote the publication of a Magazine, and that twelve members be chosen to be Editors thereof, three of whom are to be a Committee, to have the special Superintendency of the business, whereupon the Synod appointed the Rev. John McMillan, Thomas Moor, John Anderson, Joseph Badger, John McPherrin, William Wick, James Hughes, Samuel Porter, William Wylie, David Smith, Samuel Ralston and George Scott, of whom the three first are the Committee.

The Rev. Samuel Porter was appointed to preach the missionary sermon, on the Thursday after the next meeting of the Synod.

The missionary Board of Trust was appointed to hold their first meeting on the last Tuesday in December next, at Canonsburg.

It was enjoined on the several Presbyteries, that they take order that their respective members use their best endeavors to raise contributions for the support of missionaries.

The Synod spent some time in inquiring into the state of religion, and having heard from some of their members, that there were comfortable evidences that the Lord was graciously and powerfully visiting some parts of the Church in their bounds; on motion it was agreed that the second Thursday of December next, be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, to implore the effusion of the divine influences on the Churches under the care of this Synod, and throughout the world, and at the same time thankfully to acknowledge the manifestations of God's grace in some of our congregations.

On motion the Synod adjourned to meet at this place on the first Tuesday of Oct. 1803, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

MAY 23, 1803, *examined and approved thus far.*

JAMES HALL, *Moderator, Gen. Ass.*

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#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 1803.

The Synod of Pittsburgh, met agreeable to adjournment, and was opened by the Rev. Jacob Jennings, the last year's moderator, with a sermon, Cor. 6. 5. The Synod was constituted with prayer. Members present,

#### OF THE PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE.

The Rev. Messrs. James Power, Jacob Jennings, Samuel Porter, George Hill, William Swan, William Spears, James Adams, Francis Laird, and Robert Steel.

Elders, Messrs. John Shields, James Veach, George Plummer and John Wilkin.

Absent, The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Henderson and David Smith.

## OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO.

Members present; The Rev. John M'Millan, Joseph Patterson, James Hughes, John Brice, Thomas Marquis, Thomas Moor, Sa'l. Ralston, William Woods, Joseph Anderson, John M'Clane, Elisha Macurdy, and James Snodgrass.

Elders, James Edgar, John Cowan, David M'Williams, John Nesbet, and William Lee.

Absent, The Rev. Messrs. George Scott, Andrew Gwin, and Stephen Lindly

## OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE.

Members present,—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hughes, William Wick, Robert Lee, James Satterfield, John Boyd, Abraham Boyd, and William Woods. Elder, Joshua Beer.

Absent,—The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Tate, Joseph Stockton, William Wylie, and Alexander Cook.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerks; whereupon the Rev. John M'Millan was duly chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. John Anderson and William Wick, Clerks.

The Synod appointed the Rev. Messrs. James Power, George Hill, Joseph Patterson, James Hughes, Thomas Hughes, and James Satterfield; together with George Plummer, John Nesbet, and Joshua Beer, Elders, to be a Committee of Bills and Overtures; to meet to morrow morning at 7 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. William Swan, and John Boyd were appointed a Committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio,—and the Rev. Francis Laird, and Elisha Macurdy, a Committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie, and to report before the rising of the Synod.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5th.

Synod met according to adjournment. Members present as above.

After prayer, the minutes of the last session were read.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported that they consist of eleven ordained Ministers, viz: The Rev. James Power, pastor of the Congregation of Mount Pleasant; Joseph Henderson, p. Ebenezer and Bethel; Jacob Jennings, p. Dunlap's Creek and Little Redstone; John M'Pherrin, without a charge; Robert Steel, p. Pittsburgh; Samuel Porter, p. Congruity; George Hill, p. Fairfield and Donnegal; William Swan, p. Long Run and Sewickley; William Spear, p. Unity and Greensburgh; The Rev. James Adams, p. George's Creek and Union; Francis Laird, p. Poke Run and Plumb Creek.

The Pastoral relation between the Rev. John M'Pherrin and Salem congregation was dissolved, April 2nd, 1803.

The Pastoral Relation between the Rev. James Dunlap and Lau-



rel Hill congregaiton was dissolved, June 29th, 1803, and he dismissed to join the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. David Smith was removed by Death, August 24th, 1803.

They have three Licentates under their care, viz: Messrs. James M'Lean, John Wright and James Guthrie.

Mr. Wm. Morehead was removed by Death, December 8th, 1802.

They have on trial for the Gospel Ministry, two Candidates, viz: Messrs. Robert M'Garough and James Galbreath.

They have the following vacant congregations under their care, viz: Salem, able to support a minister; Laurel Hill, able; Pitt Township, able; Morgantown and Middletown, able; Rehoboth and Round Hill, able; M'Keesport, not able; Tyrone, not able; Uniontown, not able; Sandy Creek, not able; Crossings, not able; Clarksburgh, not able; Tygar's Valley, not able; Summerset, not able; Quennemahoning, not able; Wheatfield, not able.

The Presbytery of Erie, reported that they consist of thirteen ordained ministers, viz: The Rev. Joseph Badger, without a particular Charge.

Thomas Hughes, pastor of the congregations of Mount Pleasant and New Salem; William Wick, p. Hopewell and Youngstown; William Tate, p. Cool Spring and Upper Salem; Joseph Stockton, p. Meadville and Sugar Creek; Robert Lee, p. Rocky Spring and Amity; James Satterfield, p. Moorfield and Neshanock; Wm. Wylie, p. Fairfield Upper and Lower Sandy; John Boyd, p. Union and Slatelick; Abr'm. Boyd, p. Bull Creek and Middlesex; Wm. Woods, p. Center and Plain Grove; Alexander Cook, p. Slippery Rock and New Castle; Robert Patterson, p. Upper and Lower Greenfield.

They have received the Rev. Joseph Badger from Connecticut.— They have also received the Rev. Messrs. William Woods, Alexander Cook and Robert Patterson from the Presbytery of Ohio, and ordained and installed them in their respective Congregations.— They have also received from the Presbytery of Ohio one Licentate, viz: Mr. Rb't. Johnston, who has accepted a call from the united congregations of Scrubgrass and Bear Creek. They have one candidate for the Gospel ministry, viz: Mr. Benjamin Boyd.

The following vacancies are within their bounds, viz: Westfield and Poland, able to support a minister; Gravel Run and Connoitte Lake, able; Concord and Muddy Creek, able.

The following vacancies are not yet able to support a minister, viz: Warren, Mount Pleasant, Salt Springs, Buella, Trumbell, Py-matuning, Middle Brook, Broken Straw, Oil Creek, Fosters Mill, Springfield, Franklin, Breakneck and Highlands.

The Presbytery of Ohio reported that they consist of eighteen ordained ministers, viz: The Rev. John McMillan, Pastor of Char-tiers' Congregation; Joseph Patterson, p. Racoon; James Hughes, p. Short Creek and Lower Buffalo; John Rice, p. Three Ridges and Whellen; Thomas Marquius, p. Cross Creek; Boyd Mercer, without a charge; Thomas Moor, p. Ten Mile; Samuel Ralston, p. Mingo Creek and Horse Shoe Bottom; William Woods, p. Bethel and Lebanon; John Anderson, p. Upper Buffalo; Geo. Scott, p. Mill Creek and the

Flats; Andrew Gwin, p. Pigeon Creek and Pike Run; Joseph Anderson, p. Richlands and Short Creek; John M'Clean, p. Montures; Elisha Macurdy, p. Cross Roads and Three Springs; James Snodgrass, p. Steubenville and Island Creek; James Dunlap, p. Principal of Jefferson College; Stephen Lindly, p. Marietta.

They have two Licentates, viz: Cephas Dodd, who statedly supplies in the united congregations of New Providence and Jefferson; and Jacob Lindly, who has accepted of a call from Waterford; and one candidate for the Gospel ministry, viz: Nicholas Pittinger.

They have eight vacancies, viz: Washington, able to support a minister; New Lancaster and Rush Creek, able.

The following are not yet able, viz: Waynesburgh, Charleston, Grave Creek, Yellow Creek, and Long's Run.

The Presbytery further reported, that the Rev. John Watson was removed by Death, on the 30th of November last.

That they have ordained Mr. Stephen Lindly to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and dismissed Messrs. Alexander Cook and Robert Johnston to put themselves under the care of the Presbytery of Erie. They have also received the Rev. James Dunlap from the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Presbytery of Ohio reported that they had complied with the order of Synod, respecting the member who had been dismissed by them, to join the Presbytery of Redstone, and obtained satisfactory reasons for his not joining said Presbytery. The Rev. James Dunlap came at this time; his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The Synod proceeded to the consideration of James Gaston's appeal from the judgment of the Ohio Presbytery, deferred at their last meeting, and confirmed the judgment of the Presbytery.

The Journal of the Rev. John McPerrin's mission to the Connecticut Western Reserve, was handed in and read, from which it appeared that he had performed the duties of a missionary with zeal and diligence, having preached four Sabbaths and fourteen week days, and frequently attended social worship in the evening.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock P. M.

Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Synod proceeded to elect a board of Trustees of the Western missionary society, for the ensuing year, and the Rev. Messrs. John McMillian, William Swan, Samuel Ralston and James Satterfield, together with Messrs. James Edgar, John M'Dowell and John Power, Elders, were duly elected, and appointed to hold their first meeting at Canonsburgh on the last Tuesday of December next, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 6th.

Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayers the minutes of last session were read.

Mr. Wylie came at this time, his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

On motion the Synod agreed to reconsider their decision on James Gaston's appeal, and resolved to refer his case to the next General Assembly.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery Ohio made their report, which was received, and the records were approved.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Treasurer of the fund for the support of poor and pious youths, while obtaining an education, made their report which was received and is as follows, viz: That the Treasurer has received as per account appears,

£246. 16s. 10d.

Besides other monies of which he has no account at present.

That he has lent out as per account appears, £336. 13s. 9d.

Of which there is little prospect will ever be

returned, 94. 10. 5½.

Balance, £242. 15. 3½.

The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Ralston and William Swan, with Mr. James Edgar, Elder, were appointed a Committee for the ensuing year, to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of said fund, and report at next meeting of Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. James Power, James Hughes and James Satterfield, with Mr. James Edgar, were appointed a Committee, to report instructions to the Treasurer of said fund, directing him in what mannerto pay out monies to those who may apply.

Synod being informed that the Rev. George Scott, and Mr. Alexander Matthews, have gone to Sandusky with a view of instructing the Indians in the principles of the christian religion; ordered that the Treasurer pay them for their services out of the missionary fund, at the usual rate allowed to missionaries to the Indians.

The Board of Trust reported that they had appointed Mr Stephen Lindly to itenerate two months in the settlements down the Ohio river, and that he had fulfilled his appointment, but gave no written journal. He received ten dollars from the society in Marietta and those adjacent, and that the Board had given him thirty dollars, in full for his services.

Mr. Jacob Lindly was appointed to itenerate three months in the settlements down the Ohio river, but he did not fulfill his appointment, his attention being called to a particular society, who have since called him to be their Pastor.

Mr. Alexander Matthews was appointed on a mission for four months among the Wyandot Indians, for which he was to receive thirteen dollars per month, but he did not accept the appointment.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

In order to obtain necessary information on missionary business, the Rev. James Hughes was chosen secretary of this society, to correspond with other missionary societies at a distance, for the ensuing year, and to report to the society at their next meeting.

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of the town of Pittsburgh, praying that they might be erected into a separate congregation, and receive supplies, was referred to the Synod, by the Presbytery of Redstone.

In support of which the following memorial was presented by the petitioners.

To the Rev. Synod now setting in the Borough of Pittsburgh, most humbly sheweth.

That we the subscribers, being appointed by a number of our brethren, either already united to the Presbyterian Churches, or desirous of being so united as becometh the general supporters of the christian cause; do represent, that we have not united in the call of the Rev. Robert Steel, as Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, but that nevertheless, being averse to a separation, if it could be avoided consistently with our spiritual advantage, did for some time attend the preaching of the said Rev. gentleman, and most of us did subscribe to his support, but finding no kind of spiritual advantage, have long since withdrawn, and are now as sheep without a shepherd. We bring forward no charges against Mr. Steel, or any member of said Church, considering that if even sufficient ground should exist, this is not our present object; but assure the Rev. Synod, that our present object is to receive the immediate benefits of what we deem to be a Gospel ministry.

JAMES MORRISON.

WM. BARRETT.

WM. SAMPLE.

WM. GAZZAM.

The Synod after hearing the parties, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY morning, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayers, the minutes of the last session were read.

Agreeable to appointment made at the last meeting of Synod, a missionary sermon was delivered last evening by the Rev. Samuel Porter, from Psal. 72. 17. and after the sermon fifty dollars were contributed to the missionary fund.

On motion, resolved that the interests of missions requires the Treasurer of the society to reside near the place where missionary business is usually transacted; whereupon John M'Dowell, Esq.,

was duly elected Treasurer of the Western missionary society, in the room of William M'Kindley, Esq. The former Treasurers were directed to pay over what moneys are in their hands, to the present Treasurer.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the petition, which was deferred yesterday.

The Commissioners on behalf of the established congregation of Pittsburgh, proposed to shed some new light on the subject, which would evince the impropriety of granting the prayer of the petition; after hearing them to some length, and also the reply of the supporters of the petition, and maturely deliberating thereon, the Synod were of opinion, that though they did not think it proper to erect them into a congregation at present, yet the Presbytery of Redstone might grant them such supplies as they may find convenient.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee to report instructions respecting the fund for the education of poor and pious youths, brought forward their report, which was received and approved, and is as follows.

1st. That the Treasurer be directed to provide a suitable book and therein to insert the principles of the appropriation of the money in the fund, and when any person shall apply to the Treasurer, who is approved and recommended by a Presbytery, or by the Synod, as a proper object, (and to none other shall the Treasurer give out money) said principles shall be shown or read to him, and before he receives money from the fund, his agreement thereto, as binding on him and his heirs, shall be entered underneath, and signed with his name, and his receipt for all the money which he receives, shall be entered in said book.

2d. That those who are indebted shall give to the Treasurer a receipt for the sums which they owe, with a promise to refund it as soon as possible, according to the principles of the appropriation.

3d. That the Presbytery be directed that if any of those indebted live in their bounds, they being acquainted with his or their circumstances, shall prescribe what sum, he or they shall respectively refund annually, and if said sum is not paid, said Presbytery shall direct whether the person or persons, shall pay interest for the same until paid.

Alexander Addison, Esq., brought forward, in behalf of the Trustees of the Presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh, a protest against the decision of Synod on the reference from the Presbytery of Redstone, and an appeal to the next general assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which was read and is as follows.

The Synod of Pittsburgh having this day determined to grant supplies within the the Presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh, I do in behalf of the Presbyterian congregation aforesaid, protest

against the said decision, (made on a reference to the Synod, by the Presbytery of Redstone,) for the following reasons, and thereon appeal to the general assembly.

1. The petition whereon this decision was founded was for the establishment of a separate congregation in the town of Pittsburgh, where there was a minister, a member of said Presbytery and Synod, regularly established as pastor of the said congregation, erected by the Presbytery within whose bounds the said congregation is, and it is believed that no Church Judicatory has authority to grant supplies to a congregation where there is a regular minister constantly officiating, as is the case in the congregation of Pittsburgh.

2. The Synod of Pittsburgh has not decided on the request of the petition by erecting a new congregation, but have recurred to a temporary expedient of supplies, which will promote division, and not suppress it.

3. In voting on this question the Synod not only excluded the votes of the minister and Elder of the said congregation of Pittsburgh, but the Synod, also excluded them from hearing the opinions of their fellow members of the Synod while deliberating upon it.

4. The original petition was signed by men, few in number, and of no standing in the Presbyterian Church, and some of them known to profess opinions adverse to the Presbyterian Church, and to have joined in public worship with other Churches, and never to have been admitted as regular members of the Presbyterian Church.

5. That the regularly established minister of the Presbyterian church aforesaid, cannot receive from the members of the congregation of which he is minister, a decent support, and if a schism is indulged in this congregation, part of this support may by the malignant industry of the petitioners, be withdrawn without any hope of any establishment for any minister in its stead, and thus instead of two congregations with two pastors, there may be no pastor at all.

6. But further, if this example prevail the whole Presbyterian Church within our knowledge, on this side of the mountains, may be destroyed, unless ministers will preach without any prospect of temporal subsistence. For never was there a petition more contemptibly supported by names or property. Never was there a petition whose promises afforded less confidence, and if this petition succeed there is not a congregation within the bounds of this Synod, which in a year may not be broken up, and we shall then see congregations multiply and pastors decrease, or congregations starving their pastors. The consequence of this will be, that all who regard public worship, if they find it not in the Presbyterian church, will go to other churches to find it.

Reserving leave for the session and congregation to join in this appeal and protest, I sign it in behalf of the Trustees of Presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh.

ALEXANDER ADDISON.

We, the session of the Presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh, join in the above appeal and protest.

ROBERT STEEL,	<i>Minister.</i>	
JEREMIAH STURGEON,		} <i>Elders.</i>
JAMES B. CLOW,		
JOHN WILKINS,		
WILLIAM DUNNING,		

A motion was made that Messrs. McMillan, Moor and Anderson, the managing Editors of the Magazine, be rewarded for their services in this business, but they refused to take any compensation.

Mr. Ralston was appointed a managing Editor of the Magazine for the ensuing year.

Mr. Swan was appointed an Editor of the Magazine, in the place of Mr. Smith deceased.

The Rev. Robert Patterson was appointed a missionary, to itinerate one month in the settlements adjacent to Lake Erie, to set out as soon as convenient: He was also directed to transmit to the Board of Trust, at their meeting a full journal of his mission.

The Rev. Thomas Marquis was appointed to preach a missionary sermon on the Thursday evening after the next meeting of Synod.

On motion the Synod appointed the 2d Thursday of December next to be observed as a day of thanksgiving for the gracious effusions of the divine influences upon the churches under their care, and of prayer for the still more plentiful and powerful effusions of the spirit.

The Rev. Elisha Macurdy of the Presbytery of Ohio, was appointed to go one month, on a mission in the settlements down the Ohio river, to set out the 1st of November next; and Mr John Wright, a licentate under the care of the Presbytery of Redstone, was appointed to spend two months on a mission in the settlements down the Ohio river, to commence his route at Waynsburgh.

Adjourned to meet at this place on the first Wednesday of October next at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Thus far examined and approved by the General Assembly, May 25th, 1804.

JAMES F. ARMSTRONG, *Moderator.*

WEDNESDAY, October 3d, 1804.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened by Rev. John M'Millan with a sermon from Isaiah 40. 8.

The Synod was constituted with prayer.

Members present of the Presbytery of Redstone, the Rev. Messrs. James Power, Jacob Jennings, Samuel Porter, William Swan, Francis Laird and Robert Steel.

Elders, Messrs. John Woods, James Thompson, Jeremiah Sturgeon and John Power.

#### OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO,

Members present; The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, Joseph Patterson, James Hughes, John Brice, Boyd Mercer, Samuel Ralston, William Woods, George Scott, John Anderson, Andrew Gwin, Joseph Anderson, John M'Lane, Elisha Macurdy, and James Snodgrass.

Elders; Thomas Brysland, John Moor, John Edie, William Wallace, Thomas McCune, William Ewing, John Duncan, Manuel Hoover.

#### OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE,

Members present; The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Thomas Hughes, William Wick, Samuel Tate, Joseph Stockton, James Satterfield, William Wylie, John Boyd, Abraham Boyd and Robert Johnston, Elder, Caleb Baldwin.

Absent of the Presbytery of Redstone: The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Henderson, John M'Pherrin, George Hill, William Speer, Thomas Moor, and James Adams.

Absent of the Presbytery of Ohio: The Rev. Messrs. James Dunlap, Ths. Marquis, Stephen Lindly, Jacob Lindly & Cephas Dodd.

Absent of the Presbytery of Erie: The Rev. Messrs. Robert Lee, William Woods, Alexander Cook and Robert Patterson.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerks, when the Rev. Samuel Porter was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. James Hughes and Francis Laird, Clerks.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read. The reasons given by Messrs. Gwin, Tate and Stockton for not attending the last meeting of Synod were sustained.

The Synod appointed the Rev. Messrs. William Swan, Robert Steel, Samuel Ralston, Elisha Macurdy, Thomas Hughes and William Wick, together with Messrs. John Power, John Duncan and Caleb Baldwin to be a Committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. James Power and Joseph Stockton were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Ohio Presbytery.

The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan and William Wylie to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Mr. Jacob Jennings and Joseph Patterson to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie—all to make report before the rising of the Synod.



Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY morning, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A letter addressed to the Moderator of the Synod by the Secretary of the Corporation of the Widows' Fund, was read, and on motion it was agreed that it be recommended to the several Presbyteries to pay a proper attention to the matter contained in said letter at their next meeting.

An appeal from a judgement of the Erie Presbytery was brought into Synod, through the committee of overtures, by William Adams, who had married his brother's wife, which marriage the Presbytery declared to be unconstitutional, and that he should not be admitted to the distinguishing privileges of the church.

The Synod, after hearing the minute of the Presbytery, unanimously agreed to confirm said Judgement.

From this judgment of the Synod, William Adams appealed to the next General Assembly.

The Board of Trust reported that on the day appointed by Synod for their meeting only two members attended; and that they have had no appointment nor meeting since. Some of the members of the Board were present, who had not attended, and their reasons were sustained.

On motion, the Synod agreed that they would proceed to the election of members for a Board to-morrow morning, and the members were directed to come prepared with ballots for that purpose.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported that since their last report the following alterations have taken place, viz:

They have received from the Presbytery of Ohio the Rev. Thomas Moor, and installed him as Pastor in the congregation of Salem.

They have licensed Messrs. Robert M'Garrough and James Galbraith to preach the Gospel.

They have received under their care Mr. James Graham, formerly under the care of the Presbytery of Carlisle, who has declared his acceptance of a call from the congregation of Pitt township.

The Presbytery of Ohio reported that the following alterations have taken place since their last report, viz:

They have dismissed the Rev. Thomas Moor, to join the Presbytery of Redstone.

They have ordained Mr. Cephas Dodd to the work of the Gospel ministry.

They have licensed Mr. Nicholas Pittenger to preach the Gospel, and have dismissed him to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Erie.

They have also licensed Messrs. William M'Millan and John Rea to preach the Gospel.

The Presbytery of Erie reported that the following alterations have taken place since their last report, viz:

They have ordained the Rev. Robert Johnston and installed him as Pastor of the united congregations of Scrubgrass and Bear-creek. They have one licentiate under their care, viz: Mr. Nicholas Pittenger, whom they received from the Presbytery of Ohio. They have one candidate for the Gospel ministry, viz: Mr. Benjamin Boyd.

Rev. Geo. Scott (on the appearance of a particular call, in the providence of God, since the last meeting of Synod, from Wyandot Indians, for a missionary to be sent out to them,) was appointed by the Presbytery of Ohio, (the Board of Trust not being in a situation to attend to the business,) on a mission to the Sanduskie towns, with Mr. John Bruce to accompany him. Mr. Scott read his journal, by which it appeared that he set out on the 30th of July last, and visited the Indians at the Sanduskie towns and Brown's town, and their vicinities, preached to them repeatedly and conversed with their Chiefs; was received in a friendly manner, and that the prospects are flattering with respect to a door opening for the Gospel's being preached amongst the Indians in these places.

The Synod approved of the conduct of the Presbytery of Ohio in appointing Mr. Scott and Mr. Bruce on said mission; and also approved of Mr. Scott's report of their tour, and expressed their satisfaction with the prudence, diligence and fidelity of Mr. Scott in his mission.

The Synod agreed that Mr. Scott and Mr. Bruce be paid for their services as missionaries out of the missionary fund.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Cephas Dodd came at this time, his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The Rev. James Hughes reported that he had attended to the business appointed him, as corresponding secretary of the missionary society. The Synod agreed that he be continued for the ensuing year.

On enquiry it was found, by an attested copy of a minute of the General Assembly, that the Assembly had confirmed the judgment of the Synod in the case of the congregation of Pittsburgh.

The Synod agreed to take under their care for education the young Indians who have been, or may be, brought in for that purpose; and that it be recommended to the members to use their best endeavors in their different congregations to raise monies for their support, which are to be paid into the hands of the Rev. Thomas Marquis, George Scott, Elisha Macurdy and John Duncan, elder, or either of them, who were appointed a committee to superintend their education and supply their wants; and the said committee

report to the Synod at their next meeting a statement of their receipts and expenditures.

The Rev. Elisha Macurdy reported that he had fulfilled the appointment made him by Synod on a mission in the State of Ohio.

Mr. John Wright reported that he had fulfilled the appointment made him by Synod on a mission through the settlements down the Ohio River. The Synod approved of their reports, and ordered that the balance due to said missionaries be paid to them.

On enquiry it appeared that the day appointed to be observed as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer had been generally attended to by the members.

On motion, it was agreed to appoint the second Thursday of December next to be observed as a day of fasting and prayer for the continuation and increase of the outpouring of the Spirit upon the churches.

On enquiry it was found that the decision of the General Assembly in the case of James Gaston is as follows, viz :

The Assembly having given repeated decisions on similar cases, cannot advise to annul such marriages, or pronounce them in such a degree unlawful, as that the parties, if otherwise worthy, should be debarred from the privileges of the church. But as great diversity of opinion appears to exist on such questions, in different parts of the church, so that no absolute rule can be enjoined with regard to them that shall be universally binding and consistent with the peace of the church ; and as the cases in question are esteemed to be doubtful, the Assembly is constrained to leave it to the discretion of the inferior judicatories under their care, to act according to their own best lights, and the circumstances in which they find themselves placed.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY morning, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above, except Messrs. Scott and Edie, who had leave of absence.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Agreeably to order the Synod proceeded to elect by ballot a Board of Trust, when upon counting the votes, it appeared that the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson, Thomas Marquis, Samuel Ralston and Elisha Macurdy, with Messrs. James Dinsmore, John Moor and John Duncan, Elders, were duly elected a Board of Trust for the ensuing year, who were appointed to meet this day at half after 12 o'clock, and organize themselves, and appoint a subsequent meeting.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the several Presbyteries made their reports, which were accepted.

The following question was, through the committee of Overtures, brought before the Synod, viz :

Should any person be re-baptized ? if so, what description of persons ?

The Synod were of opinion that to answer this question does not

come within their province, as it is a question of discipline which belongs to the power of the General Assembly—and as the Assembly in 1790 decided on a similar question, the Synod referred to that decision for answer.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above, except the Rev. Messrs. Jennings and Tate, and John Power, Elder, who had leave of absence.

Mr. John Rea was appointed on a mission for two months up the Allegheny River, and round toward the Lake, to set out as soon as possible.

Mr. John Wright was appointed on a mission for three months down the River, through the Ohio State, to set out as soon as possible.

On enquiry whether the Missionary Magazine shall be continued another year, it was agreed that the Editors should proceed to publish a third volume of the Magazine, provided they find the number of subscribers continue sufficient to encourage them, otherwise not—and in order that the Editors may in due time have knowledge of this matter, it was enjoined upon the members to forward to the Editors, by the first of March next, information of the number of subscribers continuing.

The Synod also enjoined upon the members to make the utmost exertions to forward to the Editors as soon as possible the arrearages due for the Magazine.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Fund for the education and support of poor and pious youth, reported that the Treasurer has paid out the sum of thirty-eight pounds nine shillings and five pence, and received the sum of sixteen pounds nineteen shillings and seven pence, since the last meeting of Synod.

The Synod ordered the Treasurer to pay unto Mr. John Wright the sum of twenty-two dollars and thirty-four cents, the balance due him for his missionary service.

And that he pay unto the Rev. Elisha Macurdy the sum of thirteen dollars and sixty cents, the balance due to him for his service as a missionary.

And also that he pay unto the Rev. George Scott the sum of twenty-five dollars for his service on his mission to the Indians, and ten dollars in addition on account that he was taken sick—and to Mr. John Bruce, who accompanied him, the sum of twenty-five dollars.

This evening a missionary sermon was preached by Mr. Ralston, instead of Mr. Marquis, who was absent on a mission appointed him by the General Assembly—after which a contribution was made to the missionary fund amounting to twenty-nine dollars and seventy-one cents.

Mr. Marquis was appointed to deliver a missionary sermon on Thursday evening after the next meeting of Synod.

Adjourned to meet at Pittsburgh on the 1st Wednesday in October at 11 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Thus far examined and approved in General Assembly, Philadelphia, May 18th, 1805. JAMES RICHARDS, *Moderator*.

#### PITTSBURGH, October 2d, 1805.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened by the Rev. Samuel Porter, with a sermon from Heb. 3: 2. "O Lord revive thy work."

The Synod was constituted with prayer.

Members present of the Presbytery of Redstone, the Rev. Messrs. Jacob Jennings, Samuel Porter, William Swan, Robert Steel, George Hill, Thomas Moor, James Adams, Francis Laird, William Wylie, James Graham, and James Guthrie.

Elders, Messrs. Charles Porter, John Shields, Daniel Flemin, John Wilkin, John Gwin, Robert Galbreath, and Andrew Howell.

#### OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO.

Members present,—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, James Dunlap, Joseph Patterson, James Hughes, John Brice, Thomas Marquis, Samuel Ralston, William Woods, George Scott, Andrew Gwin, Joseph Anderson, John M'Clain, Elisha Macurdy, Matthew Brown and John Rea.

Elders, Thomas Hays, Thomas Smith, David Kerr, John Hare, William Ramage, John Duncan, and William M'Comb.

#### OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE.

Members present,—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Thomas Hughes, William Wick, Samuel Tate, Joseph Stockton, Robert Lee James Satterfield, John Boyd, Abraham Boyd, Robert Johnston.

Elders, Joshua Bear, Alexander Wright, Ephriam Harris, and Benjamin Coe.

Absent of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. James Power, Joseph Henderson and William Speer.

Absent of the Presbytery of Ohio.—The Rev. Messrs. Boyd Mercer, John Anderson, James Snodgrass, Cephas Dodd, Stephen Lindly and Jacob Lindly.

Absent of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, William Woods, Alexander Cook, Robert Patterson and Nicholas Pittenger.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a moderator, when the Rev. John M'Pherrin was chosen, who after the former moderator had read the rules of the house, took the chair, and the Synod pro-

ceeded to the choice of clerks, when the Rev. Messrs. John M'Milan and Thomas Hughes were chosen

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read. The reasons given by the Rev. Messrs John M'Pherrin, Geo. Hill, Thos Moor, James Adams, James Dunlap, Thos. Marquis, and Robert Lee for not attending the last meeting of the Synod were sustained.

The Synod appointed the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Moor, George Hill, Andrew Gwin, Elisha Macurdy, William Wick and Robert Johnston, together with Andrew Howell, John Duncan and Benjamin Coe, Elders, to be a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Samuel Porter and James Graham was appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie, and the Rev. James Hughes and William Wick were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone, to make report before the rising of the Synod.

The Rev. Thomas Robbins, a member of one of the associations in Connecticut, and the Rev. Nathanael Snowden, lately a member of the Presbytery of Carlsile, being present and invited, sat as corresponding members.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning in 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above, with the addition of the Rev. Joseph Badger, whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Synod agreed to request Mr. Porter to furnish them with a copy of the sermon which he delivered at the opening of the Synod, for publication, with which request Mr. Porter complied, and allowed the profits arising from the sale, to go into the missionary fund.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported that they consist of fourteen ordained ministers, viz: The Rev. James Power, Pastor of the congregation of Mount Pleasant; Joseph Henderson, p. Ebenezer and Bethel; Jacob Jennings, p. Dunlap's Creek and Little Redstone; Samuel Porter, p. Congruity; Robert Steel, p. Pittsburgh; George Hill, p. Fairfield and Donegal; William Swan, p. Longrun and Sewickly; William Speer, p. Unity and Greensburgh; Thomas Moor, p. Salem; James Adams, p. George's Creek and Union; Francis Laird, p. Poke Run and Plumb Creek; William Wylie, p. Rehoboth and Round Hill; James Graham, p. Pitt township; James Guthrie, p. Laurel Hill and Tyrone.

They have four licentates under their care, viz: Messrs. James M'Clellan, John Wright, Robert M'Garrough and James Galbreath.

They have the following vacant congregations under their care: viz; Morgan Town and Middle Town, able to support a minister;

Tygart's Valley, New Rehoboth and Licking, able; the second congregation in Pittsburgh, able.

The following are not yet able, viz: Clarksburgh, Monongahela Glades, Sandy Creek, Crossings, Turkey Foot, Uniontown, Somersset, Quenmahoning, Bethlehem, M'Keesport, Wheatfield Cowanshawanick and Cherry Hill.

The Rev. James Graham was ordained to the office of the Gospel ministry, and installed in the congregation of Pitt township, October the 18th, 1804.

The Rev. James Galbreath was ordained to the office of the Gospel Ministry, and installed in the congregation Laurel Hill and Tyrone, August 17th, 1805.

The Rev. William Wylie, formerly a member of the Presbytery of Erie, having produced a dismission from said Presbytery, and testimonials of his regular standing, was received as a member of the Presbytery of Redstone, Feb. 6th, 1805, and at the same time declared his acceptance of a call to the Pastoral charge of the united congregations of Rehoboth and Round Hill.

The Rev. John Anderson is now come; his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained; his Elder is William Smilie.

Upon enquiry it was found that a number of the members have attended to the recommendation of Synod for raising contributions for the education of young Indians, that a considerable sum had been collected, and paid into the hands of the committee appointed to superintend their education. It was then recommended to the members to continue their endeavors, and report at the next meeting of Synod.

Mr. John Rea reported that he had fulfilled the appointment made him by the Synod on a mission through the settlements between the Allegheny river and Lake Erie.

Mr. John Wright reported that he had fulfilled the appointment made him by the Synod on a mission to the settlement in the State of Ohio. The Synod approved of their reports, and ordered that the balance due to said missionaries be paid to them.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above. After Prayer the minutes of last session were read.

On motion, the Synod agreed that they would proceed to the election of members for a board of Trust to-morrow afternoon, and the members were directed to come prepared with ballots for that purpose.

On enquiry it appeared that the day appointed to be observed as a day of fasting and prayer had been generally attended to by the members.

The following question was, through the committee of Overtures brought before the Synod, viz: Is publication, in order to marriage absolutely necessary in all cases? and if so, how often and how long before marriage?

The Synod after duly deliberating on the matter, were of the opinion that the Constitution requires publication in the proper con-

gregation, or a License from the State, previous to the solemnization of marriage.

The following question was through the committee of Overtures brought before the Synod, viz: shall persons who neglect to come to the Lord's table, be allowed baptism for their children?

After some time spent in discussing the above question, the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above, except Messrs. Dunlap and Harris, who had leave of absence.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Yesterday evening, agreeably to appointment, a missionary sermon was delivered by Mr. Marquis, from Sol.'s Song, 8: 8, after which a contribution was made to the missionary fund amounting to fifty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents.

The Synod proceeded to consider the question brought before them yesterday morning, when, upon motion, it was agreed to postpone the further discussion thereof.

The Presbytery of Erie reported that they consist of fifteen ordained ministers, viz:

The Rev. Joseph Badger, without a charge; John M'Pherrin, without a charge; Thomas E. Hughes, Pastor of the congregations of Mount Pleasant and New Salem; William Wick, p. of Hopewell and Youngstown; Samuel Tate, p. of Coolspring and Upper Salem; Joseph Stockton, p. Meadville and Sugar-Creek; Robert Lee, p. of Rocky-Spring and Amity; James Satterfield, p. of Moorfield and Neshannick; John Boyd, p. of Union and Slate-Lick; Abraham Boyd, p. of Bull-Creek and Middlesex; William Woods, p. of Plane Grove and Centre; Alexander Cook, p. of Slippery Rock and New Castle; Robert Patterson, p. of Upper and Lower Greenfield; Robert Johnston, p. of Scrubgrass and Bear-Creek; Nicholas Pittenger, p. of Westfield and Poland.

They have ordained the Rev. Nicholas Pittenger to the office of the Gospel ministry and installed him as Pastor of the congregations of Westfield and Poland; they have received the Rev. John M'Pherrin from the Presbytery of Redstone; they have dismissed the Rev. William Wylie, that he might join the Presbytery of Redstone; and they have licensed Mr. Benjamin Boyd to preach the Gospel, since they last reported.

They have the following vacant congregations under their care, able to support a minister, viz:

Fairfield and Lower Sandy, Gravel Run and Conneautt, Beula and Trumbull, Oil-Creek and Pit-hole.

The following are not yet able to support a minister, viz:

Outlet of Conneautt, Pymatuning, Waterford, Middle Brook, Congruity, Broken Straw, Mount Nebo and Springfield.

The Board of Trust reported that they had appointed three mis-



sionaries to the Wyandot Indians, at Sandusky and places adjacent, for two months ; each to succeed each other, viz :

The Rev. Messrs. James Hughes, Joseph Badger and John Anderson.

That each of these had fulfilled their appointments, and they had heard their journals, and approved of their diligence, zeal and fidelity in the discharge of their missions.

The Board further reported, that from hearing the reports of the missionaries and conversing with them, they are impressed with the idea that there is at present a very flattering prospect of propagating the Gospel among the Wyandot Indians, and that it ought to be prosecuted by the Society with the greatest assiduity.

The Board further observed, that as Mr. Badger had promised to the Wyandot Indians to use his influence with the Society, to send a petition to the President and Congress of the United States, in support of their petition, that this ought by all means to be attended to.

This report the Synod approved of, and ordered their Treasurer to pay to the missionaries the balance due to them, and also to pay Hampton Northrop, whom the Board of Trust had employed as an Interpreter, twenty dollars per month, during the time he was in their service.

The Rev. Joseph Badger, James Hughes and John Anderson, together with Charles Porter, Elder, were appointed a committee to draft a petition, to accompany the petition of the Indians, to the President and Congress of the United States ; and to report as soon as possible.

On motion, Resolved, That the missionary Society will use their best endeavors to have a minister and school-master sent to the Wyandot Nation as early as possible next spring.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above, except Mr. Johnston, who had leave of absence.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Synod proceeded to elect by ballot a Board of Trust, when, upon counting the votes, it appeared that the Rev. Messrs. James Hughes, Thomas Marquis, John Anderson and Elisha Macurdy, together with William Lee, William Rea and John Duncan, Elders, were duly chosen a Board of Trust for the ensuing year ; who were appointed to meet this evening and organize themselves, and afterwards to meet on their own adjournments.

In consequence of the present extensive missionary field among the Wyandot Indians, which is now opened up to the Synod, and the inadequacy of their funds to answer the demand, the Synod resolved to apply to the General Assembly to take the missionary business into their hands, with the request that the Assembly would allow a committee of this Synod to transact the business in the inter-

val of the Assembly's meetings, but subject and accountable to the General Assembly.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Redstone and Erie, made their reports, which were accepted and the records approved.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above, except Messrs. John Anderson, Jos. Stockton, John Shields, William Ramage and Daniel Fleming, who had leave of absence.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Thomas Hughes was appointed to preach a missionary sermon on Thursday evening after the next meeting of Synod.

The Synod appointed the second Thursday of December next to be observed as a day of fasting and prayer.

The committee appointed to superintend the education of Indians reported, that they had received four hundred and thirty-five dollars and fifty-one cents.

That they have expended three hundred and sixty-eight dollars and fifty-one cents.

That there remains in the fund sixty-seven dollars.

An hundred and twenty-five dollars of the above was expended for the support of missionaries to the Indians.

The Presbytery of Ohio reported that since their last report the following alterations have taken place, viz :

They have ordained Mr. John Rea to the office of the Gospel ministry and installed him as Pastor of the united congregations of Beach-Spring and Crab-Apple.

That they have received the Rev. Matthew Brown from the Presbytery of Huntingdon and appointed to instal him as Pastor of the congregation of Washington.

That the Rev. Cephas Dodd has accepted a call from and is installed in the united congregations of Ten-mile.

That they have licensed Mr. Johnston Eaton to preach the Gospel, and have received on trials Messrs. Reed Brecken, Andrew M'Donald, Cyrus Riggs, James Robison and Samuel Woods, as candidates for the Gospel ministry.

The Treasurer of the fund for the education of poor and pious youth, reported, that since the last meeting of Synod he has received twenty-six pounds eighteen shillings and seven pence, and expended sixteen pounds and fifteen shillings.

The Synod being deeply impressed with the sense of the absolute necessity of taking some effectual measures for improving the favorable opportunity which now seems to present itself for civilizing and gospelizing the Indians at Sandusky and its vicinity, resolved to send a minister and a school-master, as early as possible next spring, to reside among them; and in order to give them a sufficient support, they resolved to appropriate all their funds for one year to that use,

and also to apply to the standing committee of missions to grant all that assistance which their known zeal to promote the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom, will excite them to afford, in consistency with their prior engagements. The Synod also resolved to apply to Congress to grant to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, in the United States, one half of the reserve lands at Lower Sandusky, for the purpose of accommodating the minister and school-master, and of raising food for the young Indians who may be sent to receive education, agreeably to the desire of the Indians themselves, who have sent forward a petition for the same purpose.

The Synod also agreed to appoint the Rev. Joseph Badger a standing missionary to the Indians, and Mr. Cephas Case, a school-master, to remove to Sandusky as soon as possible, provided the Congress grant the land above mentioned.

On motion, Resolved, That the Board of Trust be instructed to carry the preceding resolutions into execution as soon as they shall judge it expedient.

On motion, ordered that the Presbyteries at their next meeting take order that the monies due in their respective bounds for the Missionary Magazine be collected and forwarded to the Editors as soon as possible.

The Synod agreed to request Mr. Marquis to furnish them with a copy of the sermon which he delivered last Thursday evening, in order to its being published; with which request Mr. Marquis complied, and allowed that the profits arising from the sale thereof should go to the missionary fund.

On motion, it was agreed to appoint Mr. M'Millan Treasurer for the missionary fund, and that the former Treasurer be directed to pay what money may be in his hands to him.

The Synod enjoined it on the several Presbyteries, in making out their reports, particularly to specify the number of communicants in each congregation, and the number of persons baptized the preceding year, distinguishing those who have been baptized in infancy from those who have been baptized in adult years.

The committee appointed to draft a petition, to accompany the petition of the Indians, to the President of the United States, reported the following, viz:

TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

The memorial of the Western Missionary Society, composed of the Synod of Pittsburgh, respectfully sheweth:

That your memorialists have for several years past been engaged in devising and endeavoring to prosecute some measures to promote the knowledge of letters and of the Gospel of our Lord amongst our neighboring Indians, particularly of the Wyandot Nation. To this end we have at different times sent out missionaries to them, to instruct them in the doctrines of the Gospel, and have been intrusted by them with several of their children to give them education, whom we still have under our care. In the course of the last summer three

different ministers of the Gospel have been employed as missionaries among them for the space of two months each in succession, by whose reports it appears that they were received and treated by the Indians in the most friendly manner; that there is an increasing desire among them to enjoy, and a disposition to attend to the Gospel; that they are also much reformed as to their manner of conduct and living, and appear to have more of a sense of the necessity of obtaining the knowledge of letters, of agriculture and of other useful arts, as well as of the Gospel. They have therefore applied to us to send them a minister of the Gospel, to reside with them, to instruct them in religion, and a school-master to teach their children to read and write, and also some others with them to assist and instruct them in cultivating their lands, whom they wish to settle on the reserve land at the Lower Sanduskie town, where they will not be disturbed. They have, therefore, in order to prepare the way and carry their desires into effect, petitioned the President to grant to them the said reserve land for said purpose, and have requested us (by our missionary) to unite with them in said petition.

Your memorialists would therefore state to you, that they are informed by their missionaries that the Indians have had their fears alarmed by some intimations that certain persons, whom they conceive to be inimical to their best interests, are desirous of purchasing and settling on said land, which hath excited them to petition for it.

We are of opinion, if you in your wisdom shall think proper to grant the land agreeable to their request, by a due care in improving and cultivating the same, its production will go far toward the support of a minister, school master, and also the pupils, whom we intend, if government favors our design, to take under our care to board, clothe and instruct, as we do not expect that a school can be instituted and pupils taught, remaining at home with their own people.

We would also inform you, that provided the way be thus opened, and a permit granted, we have resolved as early as possible to send forward to Sandusky a minister of the Gospel, and a school master, who shall be approved as persons well qualified to fill their important stations, accompanied with such labourers and mechanics, of good character, as shall be thought necessary. We expect that the well disposed Indians will then collect, and settle, and cultivate their lands on this river, convenient to this place, and gradually come into the customs and habits of civilized life.

Whereas, the Indians at this place have their Town and improvements, on the part of land referred to, which is situated on the east side of the river, we join with them in petitioning, that the Title to said eastern part thereof be relinquished to the Indians, as they will not choose to make improvements for permanent residence thereon, without a title, and that the part laying on the west side of the river, be granted in trust, and the title thereto made unto the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in America, under the auspices of which assembly this society have conducted missionary business, for the express purposes above stat-

ed. Though these are not the express words of the Indian petition, yet we and our missionary, to whom they expressed their wishes, believe that it is agreeable to their design, which is, that this land be thus ceded, for the accommodation and support of teachers residing among them, and also that a permit be granted us by the proper authority, to send out such approved missionaries.

As the Indians have expressed an earnest desire that Elizabeth Whitaker have a grant of one mile square of land which they have made to her, ratified and confirmed to her and her heirs; we heartily unite with them in this request, as Mr. Whitaker's family have manifested themselves engaged to have the civilization and enlightening of these heathens promoted, and have in a very friendly manner entertained and treated all our missionaries, whom we have sent to this place. Their friendship and hospitality have been very beneficial and subservient to the objects of the mission.

When we consider the importance of the objects proposed, the flattering prospects which are now offered us, that if the most proper measures are adopted and pursued, advantages of very great consequence might be obtained for this, hitherto benighted and unhappy people; we earnestly hope and desire that you will grant these petitions, and every thing farther that you in your wisdom shall judge to be subservient to aid and promote the benevolent design—and your memorialists shall pray, &c.

The above being read and approved, was ordered to be signed by the moderator and clerk, and forwarded to the President and Congress.

Adjourned to meet at Pittsburgh the 1st Wednesday in September, 1806, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Thus far examined and approved by the General Assembly, May 17th, 1806.

SAMUEL MILLER, *Moderator.*

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SEPTEMBER 3d, 1806.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened by the Rev. John M'Pherrin with a sermon from Rom. 13: 10: "Love is the fulfillment of the Law."

The Synod was constituted with prayer.

OF THE PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE,

Members present; The Rev. Messrs. James Power, Jacob Jennings, Samuel Porter, Robert Steel, William Swan, Francis Laird, William Wylie, James Graham and James Guthrie.

Elders, Charles Porter, James Caldwell, John Wilkin, Robert-Galbraith and Edward Cook.

#### OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO,

Members present; The Rev. John M'Millan, Joseph Patterson, James Hughes, John Brice, Thomas Marquis, Samuel Ralston, William Woods, Andrew Gwin, Joseph Anderson, George Scott, John Anderson, John M'Clean, Elisha Macurdy, James Snodgrass, Matthew Brown, John Rea, John Wright and William M'Millan.

Elders, Thomas Brysland, James Edgar, Wm. M'Candless, Robert Laughlin, William Hughes, Alexander M'Candless, John Orr, James Sellers, John Edie and William Allison.

#### OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE,

Members Present; The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, William Wick, James Satterfield, John Boyd, Abraham Boyd, Alexander Cook, Robert Johnston and William Woods.

Elders, Jeremiah Sutton, John M'Clain and Samuel Bryson.

Absent of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Henderson, William Spear, George Hill, Thomas Moor, and James Adams.

Absent of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. Messrs. James Dunlap, Boyd Mercer, Stephen Lindly, Jacob Lindly and Cephas Dodd.

Absent of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hughes, Joseph Stockton, Joseph Badger, Robert Lee, Samuel Tate, Robert Patterson and Nicholas Pittenger.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a moderator, when the Rev. James Hughes was chosen, who after the former moderator had read the rules of the house, took the chair, and the Synod proceeded to the choice of clerks, when the Rev. Messrs. Wylie and Brown were chosen.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

The Rev. Messrs. James Power, James Snodgrass, William Woods and Alexander Cook assigned reasons for their absence from the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Synod appointed the Rev. James Satterfield, Francis Laird, John M'Clain, and Joseph Patterson, together with Charles Porter, John M'Clain, William M'Candless and Jeremiah Sutton, Elders, to be a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournment.

The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin and Samuel Ralston were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Messrs. Sm'l. Porter and Wm. Wick, a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio, and the Rev. Robert Steel and Thomas Marquis, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie.

On motion, Resolved, That on Friday morning next, the Synod

would proceed to elect a Board of Trust for the ensuing year, and it was ordered that members come prepared with ballots for that purpose.

On motion, Resolved, That the committee, appointed to superintend the publication of the Western Missionary Magazine, report to Synod as soon as possible, the particular state of that business.

On enquiry it appeared that the day appointed to be observed as a day of fasting and prayer, had been generally observed by the members.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, with the addition of Rev. Robert Patterson, whose reasons for not attending sooner, and likewise for his absence from the two last meetings of Synod, were sustained.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Presbytery of Ohio reported that since their last report the following changes have taken place, viz:

They have licensed Messrs Reed Brecken, Andrew M'Donald, Cyrus Riggs, James Robinson, Samuel Woods, Abraham Scott and Clement Valandingham to preach the Gospel.

They have installed the Rev. Matthew Brown pastor of the congregation in Washington.

They have received Mr. John Wright, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Redstone, ordained him to the holy office of the Gospel ministry, and installed him Pastor of the united Congregations of Hock-hocking and Rush-creek.

They have also ordained Mr. William M'Millan to the holy office of the Gospel ministry, and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Two Ridges and Yellow-creek.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported that the following alterations have taken place since the date of their last report, viz:

They have received the Rev. Nathaniel R. Snowden; formerly a member of Presbytery of Carlisle, as a member, who accepted a call to the Pastoral charge of the Second Presbyterian congregation, in Pittsburgh, Oct. the 15th, 1805.

Mr. Wright having declared his acceptance of a call to the Pastoral charge of the united congregations of Hock-hocking and Rush-creek, in the bounds of the Presbytery of Ohio, was dismissed in order to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Ohio.

Mr. M'Garough declared his acceptance of a call to the Pastoral charge of the united congregations of New Rehoboth and Licking, Oct. the 16th, 1805.

Mr. Jas. Galbraith was dismissed, in order to his putting himself under the care of the Presbytery of Erie, Oct. the 17th, 1805.

The Rev. Nathaniel R. Snowden was dismissed from the Presbytery of Redstone, in order to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New Castle, also from his Pastoral charge of the Second congregation of Pittsburgh, December the 9th, 1805.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY morning, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except Mr. Brown, who obtained leave of absence.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

On motion, Resolved, That the Synod attend to the report of the Board of Trust.

The Board of Trust reported that it is with peculiar pleasure they now state to the Society that by the smiles of a kind Providence upon the undertaking they have been enabled to make considerable progress in carrying into effect the resolutions which the Synod entered into at their last meeting, respecting a mission to the Wyandot Indians at Sandusky. At our meeting in February last, Mr. Badger, who was appointed by the missionary society, consented to the appointment, and engaged in the mission.

The Board agreed with him that he should be allowed 450 dollars for one year, with any extra expenses which shall appear reasonable in his report. Allowed him to employ two white men, laborers, for seven months, at twelve dollars each per month; and one black man with his wife, whom he had a prospect that he could obtain for one year at one hundred dollars. The year to commence on the 1st of April, or when Mr. Badger sat out, and he is to be allowed a reasonable compensation for his time and trouble in making the necessary preparations.

The Board have furnished Mr. Badger with a horse at forty-five dollars, and farming utensils, carpenter's tools and household furniture to the amount of one hundred and forty-five dollars and eighty-six cents, and with four hundred and thirty dollars in cash.

The Board also read several letters from Mr. Badger, and other papers, giving a view of the state of the business.

The Synod accepted and approved the report.

The Synod proceeded to elect a Board of Trust for the ensuing year, whereupon the following persons were duly elected, viz: The Rev. Messrs. James Hughes, Thomas Marquis, John Anderson and Elisha Macurdy, together with William Rea, William Lee and John Duncan, Elders; and appointed them to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone made report, which was accepted and the minutes approved.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.



3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Messrs. Jennings and Laughlin obtained leave of absence.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Ohio and Erie made reports, which were accepted and the minutes approved.

Messrs. M'Pherrin, Wick, Laird and Brysland obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Last evening Mr. Thomas Hughes, who was appointed at the last sessions of Synod to preach a missionary sermon at their present sessions, being absent, a missionary sermon was delivered by Mr. James Hughes, from Isa. 49th: 16. After which a contribution was made to the missionary fund amounting to forty-eight dollars.

The Presbytery of Erie reported that they consist of fifteen ordained ministers, viz:

The Rev. Joseph Badger, without a charge; John M'Pherrin, Pastor of the congregations of Concord, Muddy-creek and Harmony; Thomas Hughes, p. Mount Pleasant and New Salem; William Wick, p. Hopewell and Youngstown; Samuel Tate, p. Cool-Spring and Mercer; Joseph Stockton, p. Meadville and Sugar-creek; Robert Lee, p. Rocky-Spring and Amity; James Satterfield, p. Moorfield and Neshannick; Abram Boyd, p. Bull-creek and Middlesex; John Boyd, p. Union and Slate-lick; William Woods, p. Plane Grove and Centre; Alexander Cook, p. Slippery Rock and New Castle; Robert Patterson, p. Lower Greenfield; Robert Johnston, p. Scrubgrass and Bear-creek; Nicholas Pittenger, p. Westfield and Poland.

They have one licentiate under their care, viz: Mr. Benjamin Boyd; and one candidate for the Gospel ministry, viz: Mr. James Boyd.

They have the following vacancies under their care, able to support a pastor, viz: Fairfield and Lower Sandy, united; Pymatuning, Buella and Trumbull, united; Oil-creek, Upper Sugar-creek and Congruity, united; Fairview and Springfield, united.

The following are not yet able to support a pastor, viz: Lower Sugar-creek, Upper Greenfield, Mill-creek, Portland, Broken-Straw, Gravel-run, Conneautt, Middle Brook, Hylands, Little Sugar-creek, Connewango, Franklin, Waterford, and Beavertown.

The Presbytery further reported, that they have, on the 29th of Oct. last, dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. Robert Patterson to the congregation of Upper Greenfield; that they have, on

the 25th of June last, dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. Samuel Tate to the congregation of Upper Salem; that they have received Mr. James Galbraith, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Redstone, and that they have dismissed him, that he might again put himself under the care of that Presbytery.

An appeal from a judgment of the Presbytery of Ohio was brought into Synod, through the committee of Overtures, by John Riddle, Esq., in which they confirmed a judgment of the Session of Cross Roads congregation, by which said Riddle was suspended from his office of ruling elder in said congregation, and from the distinguishing privileges of the church.

The Synod, after hearing the parties at full length, examining the testimony laid before them, and maturely deliberating thereon, agreed to confirm the judgment of said Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

An appeal from the judgment of the Presbytery of Redstone was, through the committee of Overtures, brought into Synod, by John Gordan, by which said Gordan and Agnes his wife, were suspended from the distinguishing privileges of the church, on a charge of anti-nuptial fornication.

The Synod having heard the testimony, and deliberating maturely on the subject, agreed to confirm the said judgment of Presbytry.

Mr. Gordan appealed from the judgment of Synod to the next General Assembly, and the Clerk was ordered to furnish him with a copy of these minutes.

On motion, Resolved, That in consideration of the important services rendered by Mrs. Whitaker to the missionary business, the Treasurer be directed to pay the Rev. George Scott sixty dollars and five cents, out of the missionary fund, the sum due to him for the boarding, &c., of Mrs. Whitaker's son.

The Treasurer of the Indian fund made report, which was approved, and there appears to be a balance of ten dollars due to the Treasurer.

Synod resolved that the powers granted by them at their last sessions, to the Board of Trust, relative to missionary business, be continued another year, and that all the funds be, for that time, appropriated to that purpose.

Whereas, it has been represented to the Synod, that some difficulties have arisen, with some of the members of our church, respecting the mode of swearing,—

On motion, Resolved, That it be recommended to all the members of our communion to discourage and desist from the practice of swearing upon and kissing the Bible, and to practise what they believe to be the scriptural and most solemn mode of swearing, with an uplifted hand.

The Rev. William Wylie was appointed to preach a missionary sermon on the Thursday evening after the next meeting of Synod.

The Synod appointed the second Thursday of December next to be observed as a day of fasting and prayer.

Adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian church, in Pittsburgh, on the 1st Wednesday of October, 1807, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Thus far examined and approved in General Assembly, May, 1807.

ARCH'D ALEXANDER, *Moderator*,

PITTSBURGH, October 7th, 1807.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened by the Rev. James Hughes, the last years moderator, with a sermon from 2nd Cor. 6: 1. The Synod was constituted with prayer.

#### OF THE PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE,

Members present; The Rev. Messrs. James Power, Samuel Porter, Robert Steel, William Swan, Francis Laird, William Wylie, James Adams, James Graham, James Guthrie. Elders, Daniel Fleming, Robert Wilson, James Salsbury, James Allen.

#### OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO,

Members present; The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, James Hughes, Thomas Marquis, Boyd Mercer, Samuel Ralston, George Scott, John Anderson, John M'Clean, Elisha Macurdy, Matthew Brown, John Wright, William M'Millan, and Clement Valandingham. Elders, Moses Coe, John Wilken, John Thompson, John Gilchrist, James Ewing, Samuel Fulton, and James Brice.

#### OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE,

Members present; The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Thomas Hughes, William Wick, James Satterfield, Joseph Stockton, Robert Lee, John Boyd, Abraham Boyd, Alexander Cook, Robert Patterson, Robert Johnston, Nicholas Pittenger, and Benjamin Boyd.—Elder, Alexander Wright.

Absent of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jennings, George Hill, William Speer, Thomas Moor, and James Galbraith.

Absent of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. Messrs. James Dunlap, Joseph Patterson, John Brice, William Woods, Andrew Gwin, James Snodgrass, Joseph Anderson, Stephen Lindly, Jacob Lindly, Cephas Dodd, John Rea, and James Robinson.

Absent of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Samuel Tate and William Woods.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a moderator, whereupon

the Rev. Thomas Marquis was chosen, who, after the former moderator had read the rules of the house, took the chair, and the Synod proceeded to the choice of clerks, whereupon the Rev. Messrs. Francis Laird and John Anderson were chosen.

Agreeably to order the minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

The Rev. Messrs Boyd Mercer, James Adams, Thomas Hughes, Joseph Stockton and Nicholas Pittenger, assigned reasons for their absence from the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Joseph Patterson appeared in the house, his reasons for coming sooner were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. James Graham, Jas. Guthrie, John M'Clain and Joseph Stockton, together with Messrs. James Salisbury, James Allen, John Gilerist and Alex. Wright, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Boyd Mercer obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

#### THURSDAY, October 8th.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev Cephas Dodd appeared in the Synod, and his reasons for not attending sooner, and for not attending at the last meeting of Synod were sustained.

The Rev. John M'Millan and Samuel Porter were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie, and the Rev. Messrs. Francis Laird and Thomas Hughes, a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio, and to report as soon as convenient.

On motion the Board of Trust were called upon to report, whereupon their Secretary read their report in part, and Mr. Badger stated the substance of his journal during the two years past.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Robert Lee obtained leave of absence.

The Secretary of the Board of Trust finished reading their report, and Mr. Badger communicated some additional information, and a committee was appointed to draw up a statement on the subject.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Upon inquiry it was found that the fast appointed by the Synod at their last meeting, was generally observed.

Last evening Mr. Wylie delivered a missionary sermon from Matt. 6: 10: after which a contribution was made to the missionary fund, amounting to thirty-five dollars and thirty-five cents.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a Board of Trust for the ensuing year, whereupon the Rev. James Hughes, Thomas Marquis, John Anderson and Elisha Macurdy, with William Rea, William Lee, and William M'Kindly were duly elected, and ordered to meet at this place to-morrow morning, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

On motion, resolved that the second Thursday in December next, be set apart for the purpose of imploring the divine blessing and protection in behalf of missionary business in general, and the missionary business under the care of this Synod in particular, and to return thanks to God for the countenance which he has already given to our missionary efforts, and also to implore the effusion of divine influences on our churches in general.

Ordered, that each of the ministers and churches under the care of this Synod, pay a particular attention to the above resolution.

The Rev. James Galbraith appeared in the Synod, and assigned reasons for not attending sooner, which were sustained.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. Badger be authorized to employ Mr. Walker of Brownstown, at the rate of one hundred dollars per annum, to interpret for the mission.

On motion, Resolved, That one copy of Burder's Village Sermons, one copy of our Confession of Faith, and one dozen of our Shorter Catechisms, be presented to the black people residing at Upper Sandusky by this society.

Ordered, That the Treasurer purchase said books, and forward them as soon as convenient. It was enjoined on the several Presbyteries to take order that their respective members use their best endeavors to raise contributions for the support of the Indian Mission for the ensuing year.

The editors of the Western Missionary Magazine, reported that the profits arising from the sale of the magazines, which have been collected by them, amount to three hundred and thirty four dollars and thirty-two cents, which sum has been paid into the missionary fund.

In consequence of the request of a committee of the Synod of Kentucky, brought in by the Committee of Overtures, the Rev. Messrs. James Hughes, Thomas Marquis, and John Wright, were appointed a committee to meet the Committee of the Synod of Kentucky, to ascertain whether any alteration of the existing boundary line between the respective Synods be necessary, and if necessary, what that alteration ought to be.

Messrs. James Power, Nicholas Pittinger, and Moses Coe, obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio, made report, which was accepted, and the minutes approved.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie, made report, which was accepted and the minutes approved, except their proceedings in appointing a committee to examine a candidate for the gospel ministry, and in the case of not supplying Mr. Wick's pulpit when absent by the appointment of the General Assembly.

The following question was brought in by the Committee of Overtures, viz:

Is it proper for a Presbytery to appoint a committee to examine a candidate for the gospel ministry, and to receive or reject him on their report?

This question was determined in the negative.

Mr. Cook obtained leave of absence.

The Presbytery of Ohio brought in their report, which was read, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Ohio reported that they consist of twenty five members, and have under their care thirty eight congregations, five licentiates, and four candidates.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Missionary.		Commissioners.		Last year.	Added	Total in Com'n.	Adults.	Infants.
		D.	C.	D.	C.					
John M'Millan,.....	Chartier's,.....	30	90	5	87½	5	204	1	29	
James Dunlap,.....	Miller's Run,.....									
Joseph Patterson,....	Raccoon,.....	62	20	1	85½	12	169	1	15	
James Hughes,.....	Lower Buffalo and Short Creek,	74		6	25	7	128		15	
John Brice,.....	Three Ridges and Wheeling,....					12	192	1	30	
Thomas Marquis,....	Cross Creek,.....	85	95	3		13	250	1	12	
Boyd Mercer,.....	Without a charge,.....									
Samuel Ralston,....	Mingo Creek and Horse Shoe Bottom,.....		2	37			120			
William Woods,.....	Bethel and Lebanon,.....	31	65	2		14	213		15	
George Scott,.....	Mill Creek and Flats,.....	23	18½			6	145		12	
John Anderson,.....	Upper Buffalo,.....	62	85	2		13	241		11	
Andrew Gwin,.....	Pigeon Creek and Pike Run,....			2		4	214	1	32	
Joseph Anderson,....	Short Creek and Richland,....	20	45				120			
John M'Clain,.....	Monture's Run,.....		9	40			167			
Elisha M'Curdy,....	Cross Roads and Three Springs,.	67	26	3		14	219	2	26	
James Snodgrass,....	Steubenville and Island Creek,.	12	90	6	11	14	93		25	
Matthew Brown,....	Washington,.....	95		4		15	93		25	
Stephen Lindley,....	Marietta,.....									
Jacob Lindley,.....	Waterford,.....		5	55						
Cephas Dodd,.....	Ten Mile,.....	20	10	120		18	200	1	32	
John Rea,.....	Crab-Apple and Beech Spring,.	10		2	85	38	161	1	30	
John Wright,.....	New Lancaster and Rush Creek,.	48					45		20	
William M'Millan,...	Two Ridges and Yellow Creek,.									
James Robinson,....	Crooked Creek,.....			173						
Cl't Valandingham,.	New Lisbon and Long's Run,...									
		641	76½	43	87	185	2976	9	329	

They have under their care, Andrew M'Donald, Samuel Woods, Abraham Scott, Jonathan Lesley, Moses Allen, Licentates, and four Candidates.

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: New Providence, Jefferson and Waynesburgh.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: White Oak Flats, Hopewell, Charlestown, Wheeling, Grave Creek, Wills Creek, Salt Creek, Zanesville, Newark, Owl Creek, Mine Run, Washington, Federal Creek, Athens, Leading Creek, Mount Pleasant, Galliopolis, Canawa, Middle Island, Centre, Salem, twenty-four in all.

The Presbytery further reported, that they have on the 24th day of December, 1806, dismissed Mr. Cyrus Riggs, a licentate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Erie. That they have on the 3d day of June, 1807, licensed Jonathan Lesley to preach the gospel, and on the same day ordained Mr. James Robinson, minister of the Gospel, and installed him pastor of the congregation of Crooked Creek. That on the 23d day of June, 1807, they have dismissed Mr. Reed Brecken, a licentate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Erie. That they have on the 24th day of June, 1807, licensed Mr. Moses Allen, to preach the gospel; and on the same day ordained Mr. Clement Valandingham, minister of the gospel, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of New Lisbon and Long's Run.

The Presbytery of Erie reported, that they consist of sixteen members, and have under their care, 26 congregations, 3 licentates, and 5 candidates.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	ADDED LAST YEAR.	TOTAL.	ADULTS.	INFANTS.
Joseph Radger,.....	Without a pastoral charge,.....				
John M'Pherrin,.....	Concord, Muddy Creek and Harmony,.....	12	52	2	33
Thos. E. Hughes,.....	Mount Pleasant and New Salem,.....	11	156	1	47
William Wick,.....	Hopewell and Youngstown,.....	30	195	1	29
Samuel Tate,.....	Cool Spring and Mercer,.....	12	97	2	10
Joseph Stockton,.....	Meadville and Sugar Creek,.....	9	80	1	21
Robert Lee,.....	without a pastoral charge,.....				
James Satterfield,.....	Moorfield and Neshanock,.....	15	115		23
John Boyd,.....	Union and Slate Lick,.....	8	70	1	18
Abraham Boyd,.....	Bull Creek and Middlesex,.....	20	73	1	11
William Woods,.....	Plain Grove and Centre,.....	11	100		20
Alexander Cook,.....	Slippery Rock and New Castle,.....				
Robert Patterson,.....	without a pastoral charge,.....				
Robert Johnson,.....	Scrub-grass,.....	3	83	1	10
Nicholas Pittenger,.....	Westfield and Poland,.....	32	129		38
Benjamin Boyd,.....	Trumbull, Bcula and Pymatuning,.....				

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: Fairfield and Mill Creek, Mount Nebo and Plain, Warren and Newton, Rocky Spring and Amity, Springfield and Fairview, Gravel Run and Conneant, Oil Creek and Sugar Creek.

The following congregations are not yet able to support a pastor, viz ; Hartford, Smithfield, Kinsman, Upper Salem, Erietown, Waterford, Brokenstraw, Connewango, Vienna, Bristol, Palmyra, Beavertown, Bear Creek, Lower Greenfield, Mesapotamia, Middlefield, Highlands, Middlebrook, Miles Settlement, Franklin and Cleveland.

They have under their care, Cyrus Riggs, James Boyd, Johnston Eaton, Licentates and five Candidates.

The Presbytery further reported, that they have on the 22d day of April, 1807, licensed Mr. James Boyd to preach the Gospel, on the 9th day of November 1806, they ordained Mr. Benjamin Boyd, minister of the gospel, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Beula, Trumbull and Pymatuning, that they have on the 21st of October, 1806, installed the Rev. Samuel Tate in the congregation of Mercer: that they have on the 22d day of April, 1807, dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Robert Patterson to the congregation of Lower Greenfield, and on the 23d day of June, 1807, dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Robert Johnston to the congregation of Bear Creek ; and on the 24th of July 1807, dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Robert Lee to the congregations of the Rocky Springs and Amity, that the have received from the Presbytery of Ohio, Messrs. Johnston Eaton and Cyrus Riggs, Licentates.

On motion resolved, that the Synod recommend it to each of the Presbyteries within their bounds, to pay a particular attention to the recommendation of the General Assembly, relative to the education of poor and pious youth for the Gospel ministry.

The Rev. Elisha Macurdy was appointed to preach a missionary sermon on the Thursday evening after the next meeting of Synod.

The committee appointed to draw up a statement on the subject of the mission, brought in their report, which was read and approved, and is as follows.

The Synod having heard from Mr. Badger, a particular account of his mission among the Wyandots, are of opinion that Mr. Badger has performed the duties of a missionary with fidelity, prudence and perseverance, under real difficulties and discouragements. Though much remains to be done before the object of the mission be fully attained, yet the success which has already crowned the efforts made, afford undeniable evidences that the hand of God has been employed in favor of the undertaking, and holds out abundant encouragement to prosecute the plan with increased zeal and diligence. The Indian Prophets, who profess that they converse with their Maker, and that they are commanded by him to make his will known, have uniformly opposed every measure of the society, and of the missionary. Interested Traders have joined with them in unremitting exertions, to excite suspicions in the minds of the Indians, to set them against christianity and civilization, to prejudice the government against the missionary, to ruin his character, and drive him from his station. Yet, to the praise of free grace, it appears that the Wyandot people generally attend to the means of grace with increasing attention ; several persons are seriously impressed with



sense of religion, and some support the character of real piety. The confidence of the Chiefs and of the people generally in the society and the missionary is increased, every effort of the enemy in opposition, has been defeated by an over-ruling Providence. On the whole, the prospect brightens, that Zion will be enlarged to the westward, and that the curtains of her habitation spread forth, will inclose many people, who now are exposed in the shadow of death.

Adjourned to meet in the 1st Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, on the first Tuesday in October next, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Approved thus far by the General Assembly, May 24th, 1806.

PHILIP MILLEDOLER, *Moderator.*

PITTSBURGH, October the 4th, 1808.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened by the Rev. Dr. John M'Millan with a sermon, from Psal. 71: 16—the last year's moderator not being present.

The Synod was constituted with prayer.

#### OF THE PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE,

Members present; The Rev. Messrs. Jacob Jennings, Samuel Porter, George Hill, Robert Steel, William Speer, James Adams, Francis Laird and James Guthrie. Elders, Messrs. James Vetch, James B. Clow, David Fleming and Andrew Brown.

#### OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO,

Members present; The Rev. Dr. John M'Millan, the Rev. Messrs. Samuel Ralston, John M'Clane, George Scott, James Snodgrass, John Rea, William M'Millan, John Wright, Clement Valandingham, James Robison, Abraham Scott, Jonathan Leslie and James Scott. Elders, George M'Cullough, William Lee and James Morrow.

#### OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE,

Members present; The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Thomas Hughes, William Wick, James Satterfield, Abraham Boyd, Alexander Cook, Robert Patterson, Nicholas Pittenger, Reed Brecken and Johnston Eaton. Elders, George Dilworth, Samuel Bryson and William Welch.

Absent, of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Dr. James Power, the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Henderson, Thomas Moor, William Swan, William Wylie, James Graham, James Galbraith, and Robert M'Garrough.

Absent, of the Presbytery of Ohio—The Rev. Dr. James Dunlap, the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson, James Hughes, John Brice, Thomas Marquis, Boyd Mercer, Matthew Brown, John Anderson, Stephen Lindley, Jacob Lindley, Cephas Dodd and Moses Allen.

Absent, of the Presbytery of Erie—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Samuel Tate, Joseph Stockton, Robert Lee, John Boyd, William Woods, Robert Johnston, Benjamin Boyd and Cyrus Riggs.

The Rev. Enoch Burt, a missionary under the direction of the Connecticut missionary society, being present, and invited, took a seat as a corresponding member.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator, whereupon the Rev. William Speer was chosen, who, after the rules of the house were read, took the Chair; and the Synod proceeded to the choice of clerks, whereupon the Rev. Thomas Hughes and William M'Millan were chosen.

Agreeably to order, the minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Jacob Jennings, George Hill, William Speer, James Snodgrass, John Rea and John M'Pherrin assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Dr. John M'Millan and the Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, George Hill, Samuel Ralston and William Wick; together with Messrs. James Morrow, Daniel Fleming and George Dilworth, elders, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. John Wright and Abraham Boyd were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone, and

The Rev. Messrs. Robert Steel and William Wick were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio, and

The Rev. Messrs. James Guthrie and James Snodgrass were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie—and make report as soon as convenient.

The Rev. Dr. Power appeared in the Synod, and his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING, Oct. the 5th.

The Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above, with the addition of the Rev. Dr. James Dunlap, the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson, James Hughes, Thomas Marquis, Wm. Swan and William Wylie, whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained. Thomas Miller, an elder, came at this time.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Upon enquiry it was found that the fast appointed at the last meeting of Synod was generally observed.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to meet with a committee of the Synod of Kentucky, in order to ascertain

whether any alteration in the existing boundary line between the two Synods be necessary, and if necessary, what that alteration ought to be, reported, that they met with the committee of the Kentucky Synod, and found that the line between the respective Synods was fixed by the General Assembly, and it was their concurring sentiment that no alteration could at that time be made.

The committee also informed the Synod that they had entered into an agreement with the committee from the Synod of Kentucky, to the following purpose, viz: that each of the committees should recommend to their respective Synods to adopt such measures as would tend to facilitate the intercourse between them.

The Synod proceeded to the consideration of the recommendation of the committee; and, on motion, resolved, that the Synod are cordially disposed to do every thing in their power to promote a friendly intercourse with the Synod of Kentucky, and for that purpose they hope that as many of their members as can make it convenient, will attend the meetings of the Synod of Kentucky, and sit with that body as associates; and on the same principles, this Synod will always gladly receive such members of the Synod of Kentucky as may find it practicable to attend with them.

Ordered that the stated clerk transmit a copy of the above minute to the Synod of Kentucky.

Mr. William Woods appeared in Synod, whose reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, and for not coming sooner at this time, were sustained.

The Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio and Erie reported, that they had respectively complied with the order of Synod, to enjoin it on their members to use their best endeavors to raise contributions for the support of the Indian mission.

Ordered that the members of the respective Presbyteries pay to their treasurers the sums collected for the Indian missions, in order that they may report to Synod hereafter.

Upon enquiry it appeared that the respective Presbyteries had paid attention to the recommendation of Synod, relative to the education of poor and pious youth; and the recommendation was continued.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone reported, and the minutes were approved, except the transaction at Licking, where two members, styling themselves a Presbytery, constituted and adjourned to a different place.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie reported, and the minutes were approved.

The Rev. Messrs. William Woods and Cyrus Riggs appeared in Synod, whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained. Mr. Woods' reasons for not attending the last meeting were sustained.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, with the addition of Mr. Swan, whose reasons for not coming

sooner, and for not attending the last meeting of Synod, were sustained.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A petition was handed in, by the committee of Bills and Overtures, from the Convention of New Connecticut, praying that such arrangements might be made in the division of Presbyteries, as that they might be embraced within the bounds of a Presbytery.

On motion, the Synod resolved, that a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the petition and request of the Convention of New Connecticut; whereupon the Rev. Dr. M'Millan and the Rev. Messrs. Wick, Thomas Hughes, Valandingham and Eaton were appointed, and ordered to report to-morrow morning, or as soon as convenient.

Mr. Graham appeared in Synod, his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with rayer.

THURSDAY, Oct. the 6th.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After Prayer the minutes of last session were read.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial from the Ecclesiastical Convention of New Connecticut, reported, that they were of opinion that the welfare of church and the interests of religion may be promoted by the erection of a new Presbytery, bounded by a line to begin at the mouth of Big Beaver creek—thence up said creek and up Neshanock to the mouth of Little Branch; thence Northerly to the mouth of Walnut-creek, on Lake Erie; thence along the Lake to the west line of New Connecticut; thence to the southwest corner of the Connecticut Reserve; thence east along the south line of the Connecticut Reserve to the Tuscarawa branch of the Muskingum river; thence in a direct line to the Ohio river at the mouth of Yellow creek; thence up the Ohio river to the place of beginning: including the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hughes, William Wick, Joseph Badger, James Satterfield, Benjamin Boyd, Nicholas Pittenger, Clement Valandingham and Johnston Eaton—to be known by the name of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Synod approved the report of the committee, and appointed the first meeting of said Presbytery to be held at Hartford on the second Tuesday of November next. Mr. Hughes was appointed to open the Presbytery, and to preside until a new moderator be chosen.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio reported, which was accepted and the minutes approved.

The Presbytery of Ohio brought in their report, which was read, and is as follows, viz:

The Presbytery of Ohio reported that they consist of twenty-nine ministers, and have under their care forty-one congregations, three licentiates and two candidates.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Mission-ary.	D.	C.	Commis-sioners.	D.	C.	Added last year.	Total in Comm'n.	Adults.	Infants.
John M'Millan,.....	Chartier's,.....	21			7			10	198	1	39
James Dunlap,.....	Miller's Run,.....	69			1	7		15	172		21
Joseph Patterson,.....	Raccoon,.....	75	53	2	8	10		9	139	1	17
James Hughes,.....	Lower Buffalo and Short Creek,										
John Brice,.....	Without a charge.....	141	21		4	6		15	259	2	32
Thomas Marquis,.....	Cross Creek,.....										
Boyd Mercer,.....	Without a charge,.....										
Samuel Ralston,.....	Mingo Creek and Horse Shoe Bottom,.....	16	93		2	34		8	172	2	26
William Woods,.....	Bethel and Lebanon,.....	42	66		3	50		14	220	1	26
George Scott,.....	Mill Creek and Flats,.....	6	92		4				8	150	23
John Anderson,.....	Upper Buffalo,.....	123	16					15	239	1	38
Andrew Gwin,.....	Pigeon Creek and Pike Run,.....							5	207		25
Joseph Anderson,.....	Short Creek and Richland,.....	12	7					6	131		22
John M'Clain,.....	Monture's Run,.....	30						12	182		
Elisha M'Curdy,.....	Cross Roads and Three Springs,.....	123	56		7	25		12	219	2	25
James Snodgrass,.....	Stenbenville and Island Creek,.....	15	25		6	37		13	101	4	17
Matthew Brown,.....	Washington,.....							15	93		
Stephen Lindley,.....	Marietta,.....	6	37								
Jacob Lindley,.....	Without a charge.....										
Cephas Dodd,.....	Upper and Lower Ten Mile,.....								178	1	22
John Rea,.....	Crab-Apple and Beech Spring,.....				1	10		30	69	4	47
John Wright,.....	New Lancaster and Rush Creek,.....				7			25			
William M'Millan,.....	Two Ridges and Yellow Creek,.....	3	87	1							
James Robinson,.....	Pickaway Plains.....	2									
Cl'nt Valandingham,.....	New Lisbon and Long's Run,.....	17	37		2	30		36	36		5
Moses Allen,.....	New Providence and Jefferson,.....	30	75		2	42			80		2
James Scott,.....	Clinton, Frederick & Ebenezer,.....										
Abraham Scott,.....	Without a charge,.....										
Jonathan Lesley,.....	Without a charge,.....										
Vacant, and not able ..	Wheeling-town,.....	63	35								
..do.....do.....	Charlestown,.....	19	12	1							
		819	34	1	57	31		233	2760	19	187

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: Three Ridges and Wheeling, Zanesville and Springfield, and Waterford.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: White Oak Flats, Hopewell, Waynesburg, Will's creek, Crooked creek, Salt creek, Newark, Grave creek, Mine run, Worthington, Federal creek, Athens, Leading creek, Galliopolis, Canawa, High Bank, Middle Island, Greenville, and Clear creek.

Licentiates: James Cunningham, Andrew M'Donald, Thomas Hunt, and two Candidates.

The Presbytery further reported that on the 20th day of October, 1807, they licensed Mr. James Scott to preach the Gospel; that on the 3d day of December, they ordained Mr. Moses Allen and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of New Providence and Jefferson; on the 20th of April, 1808, they dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. James Robinson to the congregation of Crooked creek; on the 29th of June, 1808, they dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. Mr. Jacob Lindley to the congregation of Waterford, that he might take the charge of the Academy at Athens; on the same day they dissolved the Pastoral relation of Rev. John

Brice to the congregations of Three Ridges and Wheeling; on the 30th of June last they licensed Messrs. James Cunningham and Thos. Hunt to preach the Gospel; on the 12th day of July last, at the request of the Trustees of the Connecticut missionary society, they ordained Messrs. Abraham Scott and Jonathan Lesley ministers of the Gospel; they have dismissed Mr. Samuel Woods, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Washington, in whose bounds he had accepted a call; and on the 23d day of August last they ordained Mr. James Scott, and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Clinton, Frederick and Ebenezer.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported, that they consist of 16 members, and have under their care 38 congregations.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Missionary.		Commis- sioners.	Ad'l year.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.
		D.	C.					
James Power, D. D.	Mount Pleasant,.....	45	25	3	69	11	153	15
Joseph Henderson,...	Ebenezer and Bethel,.....							
Jacob Jennings,.....	Delap's Creek and Little Red- stone,.....	16	85	2	45			
Samuel Porter,.....	Congruity,.....	25	28	3				
Robert Steel,.....	The first Con. Pittsburgh,.....			5				
George Hill,.....	Fairfield and Donegal,.....			2	20			
William Swan,.....	Long Run and Sewickly,.....			3	77	15	134	23
William Speer,.....	Unity and Greensburgh,.....			4	26	11	143	15
Thomas Moor,.....	Salem,.....	56	13	3	164			
James Adams,.....	George's Creek and Union,...	2		1	29	6	62	5
Francis Laird,.....	Poke Run and Plum Creek,...	13	72	3	16			
William Wylie,.....	Rehoboth and Round Hill,...	55	50	7	312	12	181	21
James Guthrie,.....	Laurel Hill and Tyrone,.....	15		3	22	210	16	50
James Graham,.....	Buella,.....	6	10					
James Galbreath,.....	Gilgal and Harmony,.....							
Robert M'Garrough,...	New Rehoboth and Licking,...							
		245	83	42	50	77	883	129

Vacant congregations, able to support a Pastor: Tygart's Valley, the 2nd Presbyterian congregation in Pittsburgh.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Morgantown, Crostngs, Turkey-foot, Uniontown, Somerset, Quenmahoning, Wheatfield, Indiana, Kittaning.

The Presbytery farther reported that they have of the 12th day of November, 1807, ordained Mr. Robert M'Garrough, minister of the Gospel, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of New Rehoboth and Licking.

That they have received from the Presbytery of Winchester, Mr. John Boggs, a Licentiate, on the 20th day of October, 1807; and ordained him minister of the gospel, and installed him Pastor of the 2d Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, on the 3d day of December, 1807, and that they have on the 20th day of April, 1808, dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. John Boggs, to the 2d Presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Winchester.

The Presbytery of Erie reported that they consist of 19 members,

and have under their care sixty-five congregations, one Licentiate and six candidates.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Ad. last year.	Total in Com.	Adults.	Infants.
Joseph Badger,.....	Without a pastoral charge,.....				
John M'Pherrin,.....	Concord,.....				
Thomas Hughes,.....	Mount Pleasant,.....	8	114		25
William Wick,.....	Hopewell and Youngstown,.....	24	219		35
Samuel Tait,.....	Cool Spring and Mercer,.....				
Joseph Stockton,.....	Meadville and Sugar Creek,.....				
Robert Lee,.....	without a pastoral charge,.....				
James Satterfield,.....	Moorfield and Nashanock,.....	23	138	1	10
John Boyd,.....	Union and State Leek,.....	8	80	2	18
Abraham Boyd,.....	Bull Creek and Middlesex,.....	3	65		10
William Woods,.....	Plain Grove,.....	10	62		10
Alexander Cook,.....	Slippery Rock and New Castle,.....	2	71		12
Robert Patterson,.....	without a pastoral charge,.....				15
Robert Johnston,.....	Scrubgrass,.....	20	113	1	18
Nicholas Pittenger,....	Westfield and Poland,.....	28	122	2	
Benjamin Boyd,.....	Trumbull and Beula,.....				4
Cyrus Riggs,.....	Fairfield and Mill Creek,.....	3	54		
Reed Brecken,.....	Mount Nebo and Plane,.....				
Johnston Eaton,.....	Springfield and Fairview,.....				
		630	104	6	157

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: Warren and Newton, Amity and West Unity, Gravel run and Conneautt, Oil Creek and Sugar Creek, Hartford, Smithfield and Kinsnan.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Upper Salem, New Salem, Erietown, Waterford, Brokenstraw, Connewango, Vienna, Bristol, Beavertown, Bear Creek, upper and lower Greenfield, Mesopotamia, Middlefield, Highlands, Middlebrook, Miles Settlement, Franklin, Cleveland, East Unity, Sewickly, Boardman, Indiana, Centre, Austinburgh and Morgan; James Boyd Licentiate, and six candidates.

The Presbytery further reported that they have on the 21st day of October, 1807, ordained Mr. Cyrus Riggs, minister of the gospel, and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Fairfield and Mill Creek. That they have received from the Presbytery of Ohio, Mr. Reed Brecken, a licentiate, and on the 20th of April, 1808, ordained him minister of the gospel, and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Plane and Mount Nebo, and on the 30th of June, 1808, they ordained Mr. Johnston Eaton, minister of the gospel, and installed him Pastor of the united congregation of Springfield and Fairview, and on the 20th of January, 1808, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Thos. Hughes to the congregation of New Salem, and on the 24th of August, 1808, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. William Woods to the congregation of Centre.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock. P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except Mr. Snodgrass, who had leave of absence.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

On motion, it was resolved that the Board of Trust be increased by the addition of two members.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a Board of Trust for the ensuing year, whereupon Rev. Messrs. James Hughes, John Anderson, Elisha Macurdy, Thomas Hughes, Thomas Marquis and Geo. Scott, together with Messrs. William Rea, William Lee and Wm. Hughes, elders, were duly elected, and ordered to meet to-morrow morning at this place, and afterwards upon their own adjournments.

On motion, the Board of Trust were called upon to report; whereupon their Secretary read their report, which was received, and the Synod approved of their fidelity in transacting the business with which they were entrusted.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 7.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Last evening Mr. Thomas Hughes delivered a missionary sermon, from Psal. 102: 13, after which a contribution was made to the missionary fund amounting to thirty-three dollars and twenty-five cents. Mr. Badger appeared in Synod at this time, whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

Information being obtained from the Massachusetts missionary society, of their willingness to co-operate with the Western missionary society, and of their granting two hundred dollars for the support of the mission at Sandusky—the Synod agreed that the Secretary of the Board forward a letter to that society, expressive of their willingness to co-operate with them, and of their gratitude for their donation.

Synod agreed that a committee be appointed to draft a petition, to be laid before the Legislature, for obtaining an act of incorporation for the Western missionary society; whereupon the Rev Messrs. Samuel Ralston and James Graham were appointed, and required to report as soon as convenient.

Mr. Abraham Scott obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

A communication was presented to Synod, stating that there are a number of Indians residing in the eastern part of New Connecticut, who wish to have a school established among them.

On motion, it was resolved that the Rev. Messrs. William Wick and James Satterfield be appointed a committee to visit them, and report as soon as convenient to the Board of Trust, and also to communicate information, if thought proper, to the Trustees of the mis-



sionary society of Connecticut, of their situation and the prospects respecting them.

The Presbytery of Ohio requested Synod to be divided, so as to form a new Presbytery, to be bounded by the following lines, viz: On the west by the line of the Kentucky Synod, on the south by the Ohio river, on the east and north by the west line of the seven ranges and the line of the Hartford Presbytery—including the Rev. Messrs. Stephen Lindly, Jacob Lindly, John Wright, James Robinson and James Scott—to be known by the name of the Presbytery of Lancaster; to meet at Lancaster on the first Wednesday of April, 1809.

Which request was granted, and the Rev. Stephen Lindly was appointed to open the Presbytery and preside until a new moderator be chosen.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except the Rev. Dr. Power and the Rev. Mr. Jennings, who had leave of absence.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committee brought in a petition for obtaining an act of incorporation for the Western missionary society; which, being read and approved, was ordered to be signed by the moderator and clerk, and to be forwarded to the Legislature of Pennsylvania at their next session.

The Rev. Elisha Macurdy was appointed to preach a missionary sermon on the Wednesday evening after the next meeting of Synod.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Washington on the first Tuesday of October next, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Approved thus far by the General Assembly, May 24, 1809.

DRURY LACEY, *Moderator*.

WASHINGTON, October the 3d, 1809.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened by the Rev. William Speer, the last year's moderator, with a sermon from 2 Cor. 5: 20.

The Synod was constituted with prayer.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Messrs. Jacob Jennings, Samuel Porter, Wm. Speer, William Swan, Thomas Moor, Wm. Wylie and James Guthrie. Elders, Charles Porter, George Plummer, John Wright, Joseph Torrence.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio—The Rev. Dr. John M'Millan, the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson, James Hughes, Thomas Marquis, Boyd Mercer, Samuel Ralston, William Woods, John Anderson, Andrew Gwin, Joseph Anderson, Matthew Brown, George Scott, Elisha Macurdy, William M'Millan, Moses Allen, Abraham Scott and Joseph Stevenson. Elders, Thomas Brysland, John Riddle, James Morrow, Robert Lyle, Nathaniel Coleman, James Dinsmore, John Hare, Joseph Wherry, Alexander M'Cullouch, Joseph Jackson, George Sutherland and Josiah Lowry.

Of the Presbytery of Erie—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Abraham Boyd, John Boyd, Alexander Cook, Robert Johnston, Reed Brecken, Samuel Tait and Robert Lee.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. Hughes, William Wick, Nicholas Pittenger, Clement Valandingham, Jonathan Lesley. Elder, Alexander Wright.

Of the Presbytery of Lancaster—The Rev. Messrs. John Wright and James Scott.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Dr. James Power, the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Henderson, George Hill, Robert Steel, James Adams, Francis Laird, James Graham, James Galbraith and Rob't M'Garrough.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio—The Rev. Dr. James Dunlap, the Rev. Messrs. James Snodgrass, John Rea and Cephas Dodd.

Of the Presbytery of Erie—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Stockton, William Woods, Robert Patterson and Cyrus Riggs.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, James Satterfield, Johnston Eaton, James Boyd, Benjamin Boyd and Joshua Beer.

Of the Presbytery of Lancaster—The Rev. Messrs. Stephen Lindly, Jacob Lindly and James Robinson.

Synod proceeded to the choice of a moderator and clerks; whereupon the Rev. Samuel Ralston was chosen moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. James Hughes and William Wylie were chosen clerks.

The Rev. Collin M'Farquis, a member of the Synod of Philadelphia, being present and invited, took a seat as a corresponding member.

The Rev. Messrs. William Swan, Andrew Gwin, William Wick, John Wright and John M'Pherrin; together with Messrs. Alexander Wright, John Hare, John Wright and Charles Porter, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet to-morrow morning in this place, at 7 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October the 4th.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session, and also the minutes of the last meeting of Synod, were read.

The Rev. Dr. Power appeared at this time—his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Moor, Boyd Mercer, Matthew Brown John Anderson, Moses Allen, Robert Lee, John Boyd and Robert Johnston gave reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod, and the Rev. Samuel Tait for absence from the three last meetings of Synod, which were sustained.

Messrs. M'Pherrin and Tait were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone; Messrs. Porter and Wright, the records of the Presbytery of Ohio; Messrs. Swan and Mercer, those of the Presbytery of Erie, and report as soon as possible.

On enquiry the Synod were informed that a copy of the minute of their last meeting respecting an intercourse between the Synod of Kentucky and this Synod, had been forwarded to the Synod of Kentucky—and farther, were informed, that a committee of the Synod of Kentucky have requested, that in case no member from one Synod meet with the other Synod, that the stated clerk be directed to forward a transcript of any important business transacted at their meeting (which may be of utility to the church to be known) to the stated clerk of the other Synod, as soon as convenient after their rising. This request was, on motion agreed to, and the stated clerk was directed to act accordingly.

The Rev. James Snodgrass appeared at this time, his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The Rev. Cephas Dodd appeared at this time, and his reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, and for not coming sooner at this time, were sustained.

On motion, Resolved, That hereafter the members of Synod be required, if necessarily absent from any meeting or meetings of the Synod, to present their reasons for absence in writing.

Adjourned to meet at half after two o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

$\frac{1}{2}$  after 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Synod having learned that the petition forwarded by them to the Legislature of Pennsylvania desiring an incorporation of the Western missionary society, had failed of success, agreed to renew their application to said Legislature; and appointed the Rev. William Speer, with Charles Porter and John Wright, elders, to be a committee to prepare a petition for this purpose, and report as soon as convenient.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, October the 5th.

The Synod met according to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported, that they consist of sixteen members, and have under their care twenty-six congregations, and one candidate.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Missionary Fund.		Commissioner's Fund.	Added last Year.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.
		D.	C.					
James Power, D. D.	Mount Pleasant,.....	33	50	3	97			
Joseph Henderson,...	Ebenezer and Bethel,.....	3	50	3	50			
Jacob Jennings,....	Delap's Creek & Little Redstone,...	15	31					
Samuel Porter,....	Congruity,.....			2	31	125	3	40
William Swan,....	Sewickly and Long Run,.....	46	23	4	57			
Thomas Moor,....	Without a Charge,.....							
George Hill,.....	Fairfield and Donegal,.....							
Robert Steele,.....	1st Congregation in Pittsburgh,...			5				
William Speer,....	Unity and Greensburgh,.....							
Francis Laird,.....	Plumb Creek and Poke Run,.....	6		3	43	8	144	1
James Graham,....	Beulah,.....	10	37	3	25	7	124	20
James Adams,....	George's Creek and Union,.....	8	32	1	50			
William Wylie,....	Rehoboth and Round Hill,.....	42	65	6	65			
James Guthrie,....	Laurel Hill and Tyrone,.....	43	87	2		22	226	7
James Galbraith,...	Gilgall and Harmony,.....							
Robert M. Garrough,	New Rehoboth, and Licking,.....					10	53	3
.....	Salem, able to support a pastor,...	5	31	1	57			
		218	28	44	31	47	669	14
								19

Vacant congregations able to support a pastor: Tygart's Valley, Second Congregation, Pittsburgh.

Vacant congregations not able to support a pastor: Morgantown, Uniontown, Turkey-foot, Crossings, Somerset, Quenmahoning, Wheatfield, Indiana, Kittaning.

The Presbytery further reported that they have under their care one licentiate, Mr. Thomas Hunt, who was received from the Presbytery of Ohio in June last.

They further report that on the 20th of April last they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Thomas Moor and the congregation of Salem.

WM. WYLIE, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Ohio reported to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of twenty-one members, and have under their care thirty-two congregations, three licentiates, and two candidates, viz:

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Missionary Fund.		Com-mis-sion-er's Fund.		Added last year.	Total in Com-m. n.	Adults.	Infants.
		D.	C.	D.	C.				
Jno. M'Millan, D. D.,	Chartier's.....	15		6	15	5	190	6	32
Jas. Dunlap, D. D.,	Miller's Run.....								
Joseph Patterson,...	Racon,.....			2		23	174		18
James Hughes,.....	Short Creek and Lower Buffalo,...	20		6	60	3	131	1	17
Thomas Marquis,...	Cross Creek,.....	75		4		7	255		27
Boyd Mercer,.....	Without a Charge,.....								
Samuel Ralston,.....	Mingo Creek & Horse Shoe Bottom,				170	3	171	1	26
William Woods,.....	Bethel and Lebanon,.....				150	22	228	2	27
George Scott,.....	Mill Creek and Flats,.....	7	83	4	46	10	148		15
John Anderson,.....	Upper Buffalo,.....	45		4		6	239		12
Matthew Brown,.....	Washington,.....				2				
Andrew Gwinn,.....	Pigeon Creek and Pike Run,.....				5	9	217	1	30
Jos. Anderson,.....	Richland and Short Creek,.....				311	15	120	1	17
Elisha M'Curdy,...	Cross Roads and Three Springs,...	30			513	17	228		30
James Snodgrass,...	Steubenville and Island Creek,...	2	10		563	11	189		35
Cephas Dodd,.....	Upper and Lower Ten Mile,.....				150				
John Rea,.....	Crab Apple and Beech Spring,.....	4		1	1	15	189		35
William M'Millan,...	Two Ridges and Yellow Creek,...					6	79		14
Moses Allen,.....	New Providence and Jefferson,...				460	7	89		16
Abraham Scott,.....	Without a Charge,.....								
Joseph Stevenson,...	Three Ridges and Wheeling,.....								
		198	93	54	39	159	2645	12	351

Vacant congregations: Monture's Run, able to support a pastor; White Oak Flats, Waynesburgh, Charlestown, Wheelingtown, Grave Creek, Island Creek, not able to support a pastor.

Andrew M'Donald, William Jones, John Matthews, licentiates, and two candidates.

The Presbytery further reported that they have on the 21st day of October last, dismissed the Rev. Messrs. Stephen Lindly, Jacob Lindly, John Wright, James Robinson and James Scott, they having been, by the Synod, erected into a new Presbytery, called Lancaster, and on the same day dismissed the Rev. Clement Valandingham, who was united with the Presbytery of Hartford, and on the 19th day of April dismissed, Mr. James Cuninghame, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Lancaster, and on the 20th day of the same month, they dismissed the Rev. Jonathan Lesley, to join the Presbytery of Hartford. That they have on the 22nd day of December last, licensed Mr. George Vennemon to preach the gospel. That on the 21st day of June last, they ordained Mr. Joseph Stevenson, minister of the gospel, and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Three Ridges and Wheeling. That on the 22d of June last, they licensed Mr. John Matthews to preach the gospel, and on the 1st day of August, dismissed Mr. George Vennemon, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Lancaster. That on the 22nd day of December last,

they dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. John M'Clain, to the congregation of Montures Run, and on the 25th day of May, suspended him from the exercise of his functions as a minister of the gospel; and that they have, on the 21st day of June last, suspended Mr. John Brice from the exercise of his functions, as a minister of the gospel. JAMES HUGHES, *Stated Clerk*.

Dated September the 29th, 1809.

The Presbytery of Erie reported to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of twelve members, and have under their care, seventeen congregations, and one candidate.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Missionary fund.		Commissioners fund.		Added last Year.	Total in Com.	Adults.	Infants.
		D.	C.	D.	C.				
John M'Pherrin,....	Concord and Harmony,.....			1	51				
Samuel Tait,.....	Mercer and Cool Spring,.....			3		4	181	1	5
Joseph Stockton,...	Meadville and Sugar Creek,...			2		4	82	2	23
Robert Lee,.....	Without a charge,.....			2					15
John Boyd,.....	Union and Slate Lick,.....	22	25	3		6	81		7
Abraham Boyd,....	Middlesex and Bull Creek,....			2	75	5	71		16
William Woods,....	Plain Grove,.....			2		8	65		
Alexander Cook,...	Without a charge,.....								
Robert Patterson,...	Without a charge,.....								
Robert Johnston,...	Scrubgrass,.....			3		5	107		
Cyrus Riggs,.....	Fairfield and Mill Creek,.....			1		6	50		12
Reed Brecken,....	Mount Nebo and Plain,.....			2		3	32	1	18
		22	25	22	25	41	589	4	96

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: West Unity and Amity, Gravel Run and Waterford.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Erie, Upper and Lower Greenfield Oil Creek, Broken Straw, Conewango, Middle Brook, Franklin and West Unity, and one candidate.

The Presbytery further reported that on the 19th day of October, they ordained Mr. James Boyd, minister of the gospel, and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Newton and Warren. That on the 20th day of the same month, they licensed Mr. Joshua Beer, Edward Johnston and Daniel Hayden, to preach the gospel; and received Mr. Thomas Clark on trial, as a candidate for the gospel ministry. That on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Thomas Hughes, William Wick, James Satterfield, Nicholas Pittenger, Benjamin Boyd and Johnston Eaton, they having been by the Synod, erected into a new Presbytery called Hartford, and dismissed the Rev. James Boyd, who was installed in congregations in their bounds, that he might join said Presbytery. They also dismissed Mr. Joshua Beer, a licentiate, and Messrs. John Bruce, William Matthews and Thomas Clark, candidates, to put themselves under the care of the Presbytery of Hartford; and dismissed Daniel Heyden, that he might put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Lexington, Kentucky, and Mr. Edward John-

ston, that he might put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Hartford. They further reported that they had dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. Alexander Cook, to the congregations of Slippery Rock and New Castle. SAMUEL TAIT, *Stated Clerk*.

Dated October the 3d, 1809.

The Presbytery of Hartford reported to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of eleven members, and have under their care, thirty congregations and five licentiates.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Missionary Fund.		Commissioner's Fund.		Added last Year.	Total in Conn.	Adults.	Infants.
		D.	C.	D.	C.				
Joseph Badger,.....	Without a Charge,.....								
Thomas Hughes,.....	Mount Pleasant,.....								
William Wick,.....	Hopewell and Youngstown,.....			1	28	12	203	1	14
James Satterfield,.....	Moorfield and Neshanock,.....			1	44	16	134	2	24
Nicholas Pittenger,.....	Poland,.....				161				
Benjamin Boyd,.....	Beulah, Trumbull and Pymatuning,.....								
Clem't Valandingham,.....	New Lisbon and Long's Run,.....			4	16	9	45	1	10
Johnston Eaton,.....	Springfield and Fairview,.....			1	50	30	30		18
Jonathan Lesley,.....	Without a Charge,.....					9	48		9
James Boyd,.....	Newton and Warren,.....								
Joshua Beer,.....	Without a Charge,.....								
					9 99	76	447	4	75

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: Vernon, Vienna, Brookfield, Hubbardsville and Richfield.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Salem, Beavertown, Cleveland, Hudson, Talmage, Springfield, Burton, Canfield, Westfield and New Castle.

Licentiates: John Bruce, William Matthews, Thomas Barr, Thos. Clark, Robert Sample.

The Presbytery further reported, that on the 12th April, 1809, they licensed Messrs. John Bruce and William Matthews to preach the Gospel—that on the 30th of August they licensed Messrs. Thos. Barr, Thomas Clark and Robert Sample to preach the Gospel, and on the same day they ordained Mr. Joshua Beer minister of the Gospel, as they were authorized by the General Assembly—that on the 13th of September they dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. Nicholas Pittenger to the congregation of Westfield—that they received the Rev. Jonathan Lesley from the Presbytery of Ohio, and Messrs. Joshua Beer and Edward Johnston from the Presbytery of Erie—and that on the 20th of September, 1809, they have lost, by death, Mr. Edward Johnston, a licentiate, under their care.

WILLIAM WICK, *Stated Clerk*.

Dated the 5th of Oct., 1809.

The Board of Trust reported in part, and proposed to report more fully before the rising of the Synod.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presby-

teries of Redstone, Ohio and Erie, reported—which reports were received and the records approved.

The following question was presented, through the committee of Overtures: Has the committee of a church, consisting partly of Presbyterian and partly of Congregational members, and organized according to the plan established between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church and the General Association of Connecticut, a right to depute one of their members to sit as a member of Synod?

This question was decided in the affirmative.

Adjourned to meet at half past 2 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a Board of Trust for the ensuing year; whereupon the Rev. Messrs. James Hughes, Thomas Marquis, John Anderson, Elisha Macurdy, George Scott and Thos. Hughes, with William Rea, William Lee and William Hughes, were elected, and ordered to meet to-morrow morning, in this place, at 7 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The committee to whom was committed the business of drafting a petition to the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, presented one, which was read and approved, and committed to the hands of the moderator, to be by him forwarded to said Legislature.

The following reference from the session of Washington was referred to the Synod by the Presbytery of Ohio. By an arrangement in the Post-office Department, the United States mail is required to be opened in Washington on the Sabbath day. The present Postmaster, Hugh Wylie, being a member of the church, and continuing to officiate as Postmaster under these arrangements. The session resolved to refer the case to Presbytery for their decision—whether this is consistent with his profession?

The Synod, after maturely considering the subject, were of opinion that Mr. Wylie's officiating as Postmaster on the Sabbath day, in existing circumstances, is a sufficient reason to exclude him from the special privileges of the church.

From the above decision, Mr. Wylie appealed to the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian church.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. the 6th.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except Abraham Boyd, who obtained leave of absence.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Last evening the Rev. Elisha Macurdy delivered a missionary sermon, from Mark 16: 15, after which a contribution was made to



the missionary fund amounting to sixty-seven dollars and 18 cents.

The Rev. John M'Pherrin was appointed to deliver a missionary sermon on the Wednesday evening after the next meeting of Synod.

Synod having been informed that the Board of Trust had chosen the Rev. Elisha Macurdy to be their treasurer, appointed him treasurer of the missionary society, and ordered their former treasurer to pay all the moneys belonging to the society, and under his direction, into the hands of Mr. Macurdy.

Messrs. Anderson and Gwin were appointed a committee to settle the accounts of the former treasurer, and report to the Synod at their next meeting.

The Board of Trust having stated that they labored under some difficulties in the management of some parts of the missionary business, to which their attention had been directed, and having sought direction from the Synod respecting the course which they ought to pursue in these cases—the Synod, instead of giving any particular directions to the Board, resolved that they be authorized to make such new arrangements relative to, and in conducting the business of the mission, as may appear to them best calculated to compass the object of that mission.

Resolved, That every member of the Synod, possessing a stated charge, should, if possible, obtain some support yearly, if ever so small, for the missionary fund.

Resolved, That if the Board of Trust should find that their resources will admit of it, that they be directed to employ a missionary or missionaries some time between this and the next meeting of Synod, in the remote vacancies in the bounds of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Board of Trust stated that some circumstances had prevented them from being prepared to make any farther report at this time.

Adjourned to meet at this place on the first Tuesday of October next. Concluded with prayer.

Examined and approved in the General Assembly, at Philadelphia, May 23d, 1810.

JOHN B. ROMEYN, *Moderator.*



WASHINGTON, October the 2d, 1810.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened by the Rev. Samuel Ralston, the last year's moderator, with a sermon, from 1 Cor. 4: 1.

The Synod was constituted with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Dr. James Power, the Rev. Messrs. Samuel Porter, Jacob Jennings, William Speer, Wm.

Swan, Francis Laird, James Adams, William Wylie, James Graham, James Guthrie and Thomas Hunt. Elders, James Cunningham, John Taylor, Daniel Fleming, William Smith and John M'Dowell.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio—The Rev. Drs. John M'Millan and James Dunlap, the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson, James Hughes, Thomas Marquis, Boyd Mercer, Samuel Ralston, William Woods, John Anderson, Andrew Gwin, Matthew Brown, Joseph Anderson, George Scott, Elisha Macurdy, James Snodgrass, William M'Millan, Abraham Scott, John Rea, Cephas Dodd, Moses Allen, Joseph Stephenson and Andrew M'Donald. Elders, Hugh Cunningham, William Rea, James Hare, William Wallace, Hugh Cotton, James M'Connel, James Ewing, James Brice, Richard Campbell, John Carmichal, John Nesbet, William Lee and James Allison.

Of the Presbytery of Erie—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, John Boyd, Joseph Stockton, William Woods, Robert Patterson and Cyrus Riggs.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Thomas Hughes, William Wick, James Satterfield, Alexander Cook, Clement Valandingham, Joshua Beer, John Bruce, Jonathan Lesley and Thos. Barr. Elders, John Martin and Samuel Bryson.

Of the Presbytery of Lancaster—The Rev. Stephen Lindley, Jacob Lindley, James Robinson, James Scott, George Vennemon and James Cunningham.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Henderson, George Hill, Thomas Moor, James Galbraith and Robert M'Garrough.

Of the Presbytery of Erie—The Rev. Messrs. Abram Boyd, Rob't Johnston, Samuel Tate, Reed Brecken and Robert Lee.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford—the Rev. Messrs. Nathan Derrew, Johnston Eaton and James Boyd.

Of the Presbytery of Lancaster—The Rev. Messrs. John Wright and William Jones.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a moderator and clerks; whereupon the Rev. Samuel Porter was chosen moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. William Wick and Robert Patterson were chosen clerks.

The Rev. Messrs. James Graham, Andrew Gwin, Joseph Stockton, James Satterfield, Jacob Lindley, together with Daniel Fleming, Samuel Bryson and William Wallace, elders, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet to-morrow morning, in this place, at 7 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Oct. the 3d, 1810.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The minutes of the last meeting of Synod were also read.

The Rev. Messrs. James Adams, Francis Laird, Cyrus Riggs, Robert Patterson, Joseph Stockton, James Graham, Joseph Badger, Jas. Satterfield, Joshua Bear, Stephen Lindley, Jacob Lindley and James Robinson, gave reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

A petition from the Elders of the congregation of Westfield was handed in by the committee of Overtures, which was read and is as follows :

We, the subscribers, elders of the congregation of Westfield, submit to the consideration of your Reverend body the present state of this congregation, and humbly request you to give us direction in our present difficult situation. An unhappy difference exists in our congregation, and party spirit has arisen to a considerable degree, which renders our present situation disagreeable, and our prospect for the future gloomy. The evils took their rise from some difficulties that existed between us and our late Pastor, the Rev. Nicholas Pittenger. Some of the people were so offended at us, for the part they supposed we took in these things, that they say they never will join with us, or do any thing to support the Gospel in this congregation, unless we lay down our office as ruling elders. We do not pretend to justify all our proceedings in the things which have given offence; but we think that if we have conducted in such a manner as to make it improper to accept the office to which we have been duly appointed, a charge should be exhibited against us, and we turned out in an orderly way. This no person offers to do. A meeting of the congregation was held some time ago, in order to see what could be done for supplies, or for calling a minister. A number of the congregation said they would do nothing, unless we would resign our office. We conceived that the peace and order of the church in general, and our ordination vows required us to abide by our office, whatever opposition we should meet with, unless orderly turned out. Yet fearing we should do an injury by obstinately refusing, we proposed to the people to refer the matter to the Presbytery, or to the Synod, and if it was their opinion that we should resign or decline acting as elders, we would cheerfully do so. This appeared to afford universal satisfaction. They preferred, however, referring the matter to Synod. The people then took a vote, in order to ascertain the number that was against the elders. A majority voted in favor of the elders continuing in office; but the minority insisted that they apprehended that a majority of the whole congregation would be against their continuing in office, and requested that another meeting of the congregation should be called, and the vote again taken, before the meeting of Synod. They were told that they should have this privilege. However no such meeting has been called, and our congregation is left in this unhappy divided situation. We have, therefore, thought it our duty to lay the matter before your Reverend body ourselves, hoping that the great Head of the Church may direct you to such measures as may be for the glory of God and the good of His church, and have a tendency to restore peace and tranquility to this divided branch. We think we feel no per-



Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Uniontown, Somerset, Tygart's Valley, Quenmahoning, Crossings, Turkey-foot, Kittanning, and Wheatfield.

Licentiate: Samuel Porter,

The Presbytery farther report, that they have on the 26th of December last licensed Mr. Samuel Porter, jr., to preach the Gospel—on the 27th of the same month ordained Mr. Thomas Hunt minister of the Gospel and installed him Pastor of the 2d Presbyterian church in Pittsburgh—and on the 22d of March last, lost by death the Rev. Robert Steel, late Pastor of the 1st Presbyterian church in Pittsburgh.

WILLIAM WYLIE, Stated Clerk.

Dated Oct. the 2d, 1810.

The Presbytery of Ohio reported to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 22 members, and have under their care 37 congregations, 2 licentiates, and 4 candidates, viz :

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Commissioner's Fund.		Missionary Fund.		Added last year.	Total in Conn.	Adults.	Infants.
		d.	c.	d.	c.				
John M'Millan, D. D.,	Chartier's,.....	5	8	10	25	23	194		18
James Dunlap, D. D.,	Miller's Run,.....								
Joseph Patterson,....	Racoon,.....	3				8	177	1	19
James Hughes,.....	Lower Buffalo and Short Creek,	5	95	43	25	5	136		21
Thomas Marquis,.....	Cross Creek,.....	4		34		16	255		
Boyd Mercer,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....								
Samuel Ralston,.....	Mingo Creek and Williamsport,	5	68			11	182		45
William Woods,.....	Bethel and Lebanon,.....	2		21	86	10	222	3	20
George Scott,.....	Mill Creek and Flats,.....	2				7	143		23
John Anderson,.....	Upper Buffalo,.....	3		60		8	241		25
Matthew Brown,.....	Washington,.....	5				28	117	1	75
Andrew Gwinn,.....	Pigeon Creek and Pike Run,.....	2		3	35	14	228	3	42
Joseph Anderson,.....	Richland and Short Creek,.....	4	13	14		8	127		16
Elisha M'Curdy,....	Cross Roads and Three Springs,	3		60		16	237	1	21
James Snodgrass,....	Steubenville and Island Creek,...	7	90½			10	118	2	30
Cephas Dodd,.....	Upper and Lower Ten Mile,...								
John Rea,.....	Beech Spring,.....	1	50			14	191		25
William M'Millan,...	Two Ridges,.....	2		2		10	86		30
Moses Allen,.....	New Providence and Jefferson,...	3		9	30	11	100		13
Abraham Scott,.....	Called to Centre,.....								
Joseph Stevenson,...	Three Ridges and Wheeling,....	2		193	10	13	172	1	32
Andrew M'Donald,...	White Oak Flats,.....								
		61	24½	451	12	212	2925	12	456

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: Montures.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Waynesburg, Charlestown, Warren, Wheeling, M'Mahon creek, Grave creek.

Licentiates: Joseph Hughes and Andrew Russel.

Candidates: Four.

The Presbytery farther reported, that they have on the 1st day of October last dismissed Mr. William Jones, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Lancaster; and on the 18th day of the same month they licensed Mr. Joseph Hughes to

preach the Gospel. On the 18th day of April they dismissed the Rev. John Brice, to join the Presbytery of Lancaster, and Mr. John Matthews, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Erie. On the 19th of April they licensed Mr. Andrew Russel to preach the Gospel; and on the same day dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. John Rea to the congregation of Crab-apple. That they have on the 22d day of August ordained Mr. Andrew M'Donald minister of the Gospel, and installed him Pastor of the congregation of White Oak Flats; and on the same day they dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. William M'Millan to the congregation of Richmond.

JAMES HUGHES, Stated Clerk.

Dated Sept. the 18th, 1810.

The Presbytery of Erie reported to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 10 members, and have under their care 38 congregations, 1 licentiate, and 1 candidate, viz:

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Added last Year.	Total in Conn.	Adults.	Infants.
John M'Pherrin,....	Concord and Harmony,.....				
Samuel Tait,.....	Mercer and Cool Spring,.....	6	110		3
John Boyd,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....				
Abraham Boyd,....	Middlesex and Bull Creek,.....	2	68		11
Robert Lee,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....				
William Woods,...	Plain Grove,.....				
Robert Patterson,...	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....				
Robert Johnston,...	Scrubgrass,.....	6	97	1	12
Cyrus Riggs,.....	Fairfield and Mill Creek,.....	6	53	1	15
Reed Brecken,....	Nebo and Plain,.....	5	38	2	25
		25	366	4	66

Vacant congregations: Meadville, Sugar-creek, Conneaut, Gravel-run, Waterford, Erie, Middle-brook, Greenfield, Cheautauque, Mayville, Beach Woods, Warren, Broken-Straw, Oil-creek, Big Sugar-creek, Franklin, Amity, West Unity, Slate-Lick, Union, East Unity, Highlands, Deer-creek, Slippery-rock and Upper Sandy.

Licentiate: John Matthews.

Candidate: One.

The Presbytery farther reported that they have, on the 6th of March last, dismissed the Rev. Alexander Cook, to join the Presbytery of Hartford—that they have dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. John Boyd to the congregations of Slate-Lick and Union. They farther reported, that during the last year they dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. Joseph Stockton to the congregations of Meadville and Little Sugar-creek, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Redstone—and that they have received Mr. John Matthews, a licentiate, from the Presbytery of Ohio.

SAMUEL TAIT, Stated Clerk.

Dated Sept. the 17th, 1810.

The Presbytery of Hartford reported to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 13 members, and have under their care 29 congregations, and 3 licentiates, viz :

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Commission- ers Fund.		Missionary Fund.	Added last year.	Total in Com.	Adults.	Infants.
		D.	C.	D.	C.			
Joseph Badger,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....							
Thomas Hughes,.....	Mount Pleasant,.....	2	41	9	17	10 134		22
William Wick,.....	Hopewell and Youngstown,.....	2	61			18 211	2	17
James Satterfield,.....	Moorfield and Neshanock,.....	4	31			9 117		28
Nathan Derrow,.....	Vienna,.....							
Alexander Cook,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....							
Clement Valandingham,.....	New Lisbon and Long's Run,.....	5	66			23 68		21
Johnston Eaton,.....	Springfield and Fairview,.....	4	50			29 59		20
Jonathan Lesley,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....							
James Boyd,.....	Newton and Warren,.....	3	50			2 46		14
Joshua Beer,.....	Springfield,.....							
John Bruce,.....	Elsworth,.....							
Thomas Barr,.....	Euclid,.....							
.....	Anrora, able to support a pastor,.....					18 18	1	12
.....	Westfield and Poland, " "					22 22	1	2
.....	Harpersfield, " "							
		22	99	9	17	131 675	4	136

Vacant congregations, not able to support a Pastor: Vernon, Buehlah, Trumbull, Pymatuning, Beaver-town, Upper Salem, Green, New Castle and Columbiana.

Licentiates : William Matthews, Thomas Clarke, and Robert Sample.

The Presbytery farther reported, that they have, on the 11th of April, 1810, ordained the Rev. John Bruce minister of the Gospel, and installed him Pastor of the congregation of Elsworth—that they have on the 23d of August, 1810, ordained the Rev. Thomas Barr, and installed him Pastor of the congregation of Euclid—and on the 27th of the same month installed the Rev. Joshua Beer Pastor of the congregation of Springfield.

That they have, on the 25th of October, 1809, suspended the Rev. Benjamin Boyd from the exercise of his functions as a minister of the Gospel—that they have, on the 20th of March, 1810, dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. Nicholas Pittenger to the congregation of Poland, and on the day following dismissed him, to join the Presbytery of Washington.

That they have received from the Presbytery of Erie the Rev. Alexander Cook, and from the Middle Association the Rev. Nathan Derrow; the latter of whom they installed Pastor of the congregation of Vienna on the 26th of June, 1810.

WILLIAM WICK, Stated Clerk.

Dated Sept. the 17th, 1810.

The Presbytery of Lancaster reported to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 8 members, and have under their care 13 congregations, viz :

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	D.	Commission- er's Fund.	Aeld last year.	Total in Com.	Adults.	Infants.
Stephen Lindley,...	Marietta,.....				59	4	44
Jacob Lindley,....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....						
John Wright,.....	Hocking and Rush Creek,.....	12		15	84	6	52
James Robinson,....	Mount Pleasant and Pickaway,.....	11		18	71		21
James Scott,.....	Ebenezer, Clinton and Frederick,.....	5	50	28	57	5	22
James Cunningham,...	Salem and Fearing,.....						
George Vennemon,...	Newark,.....	2	12½	6	15		7
William Jones,....	Zanesville and Springfield,.....						
.....	Waterford,.....						
.....	Delaware and Brookshire,.....						
		36	62½	97	286	15	146

The Presbytery farther reported, that when they first constituted, on the 5th day of April, 1809, they consisted of five members; three more have since been added, viz: Mr. James Cunningham, whom they received from the Presbytery of Ohio, and ordained him minister of the Gospel, and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Salem and Fearing, on the 10th of November, 1809; Mr. Geo. Vennemon, whom they likewise received from the Presbytery of Ohio, and ordained him minister of the Gospel, and installed him Pastor of the congregation of Newark, on the 22d of December, 1809; and Mr. William Jones, whom they also received from the Presbytery of Ohio, and ordained him minister of the Gospel, and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Zanesville and Springfield, on the 26th of December, 1809.

JAMES ROBINSON, Stated Clerk.

Dated Sept. 25, 1810.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Wylie, John Anderson and Thomas Hughes, together with John M'Dowell and James Allison, elders, were appointed a committee to prepare the act to incorporate the Western missionary society, with the plan and constitution of that society, and report as soon as may be such measures as they may think proper to be adopted in the case.

The Rev. Messrs. Speer, Brown, and James Hughes were appointed a committee to draft a petition to congress, praying them to revise and alter the law respecting Post office establishments, so that the Sabbath may not be violated by the mail being carried, and Post masters opening their offices on that sacred day.

A reference from the Presbytery of Lancaster was handed in by the committee of Overtures, respecting the case of Ebenezer Brown, who had married his brother's widow, and William Gass, who had married his mother's brother's widow.



The Synod, in discussing the case of Ebenezer Brown, found that a decision on his case has long since been had in the session of the church of Ten-mile, which yet stands on record against him, and as the case has not been brought up to this Synod by an appeal from that decision, but by reference from the Presbytery of Lancaster, it does not regularly come before this body, and is therefore dismissed.

With respect to the case of William Gass, the Synod resolved that persons connected by such marriages are inadmissible to the communion of the church until they give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### THURSDAY, October 4th.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayers the minutes of the last session were read.

The moderator stated that last evening, after the Synod had adjourned, Mr. Valandingham received intelligence of his father's sudden death,—was under necessity of quickly departing to attend the funeral, and hoped the Synod would not consider his departure irregular. The Synod approved his conduct.

The Rev. James Hoge, of the Synod of Kentucky, being present, and invited, took his seat as a corresponding member.

The Rev. Messrs. George Scott and Joseph Stevenson obtained leave of absence.

The committee appointed to examine the incorporation act, handed in their report, which being read, was adopted, and is as follows.

The committee are of opinion that the act of incorporation granted by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, to the western missionary society falls short of embracing the objects of the mission hitherto attended to by said society, inasmuch as said act confines the appropriation of the funds of said society, to the benefit of the Indian Tribes. The committee are therefore of opinion that it would be advisable for the society to manage their business as heretofore, without receiving or acting under said charter, at least for one year.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except Mr. Snodgrass, who obtained leave of absence.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Presbyteries of Redstone and Ohio, made report, and the records were approved.

An appeal from a decision of the Presbytery of Hartford, was presented by Mr. Benjamin Boyd, and after duly deliberating on the subject, the Synod confirmed the decision of the Presbytery.

Mr. Thomas Campbell, formerly a minister in connection with the associate Synod, now representing himself as in some relation to a

society called the Christian Society of Washington, applied to this Synod to be taken into christian and ministerial communion.

Upon hearing Mr. Campbell at length, and his answers to various questions proposed to him, the Synod unanimously resolved, that however specious the plan of that christian association, and however seducing its professions, as experience of the effects of similar projects, in other parts, has evinced their baneful tendency, and destructive operations on the whole interests of religion, by promoting division, instead of union, by degrading the ministerial character, by providing free admission to any errors in doctrine, and to any corruption in discipline, whilst a nominal approbation of the scriptures as the only standard of truth may be professed, the Synod are constrained, by the most solemn considerations to disapprove the plan and its native effects.

And farther, for the above and many other important reasons, it was resolved that Mr. Campbell's request to be received into christian and ministerial communion can not be granted.

Mr. Campbell requested that he might have a copy of the decision of Synod in his case. The Synod agreed to grant his request, and the clerk was ordered to furnish him with a copy.

A missionary sermon was preached last evening, by the Rev. John M'Pherrin, from Matt. 16: 26: and sixty-two dollars, two and an half cents were collected for the missionary fund.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Lancaster, reported, the report was received, and the records approved.

The Rev. Drs. Power and Dunlap, and the Rev. Messrs. Jennings and Wylie; and Messrs. Smith, Martin and Hare, Elders; obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY, October 5th.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except the Rev. Wm. M'Millan, who had not obtained leave of absence.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed a to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford reported; the report was received and the records approved.

The Rev. John Boyd obtained leave of absence.

The following question was presented by the committee of Overtures, viz: Is it proper in any case to require offending church members to give satisfaction for their offence to the church session, and again to give satisfaction to the congregation for the same offence.

The Synod gave it as their opinion that the constitution of our church is sufficiently explicit on this subject, and to it they refer the persons proposing the question.

Leave of absence was granted the Rev. Messrs. Porter and Stevenson.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except Messrs. Satterfield and Allen, who were absent without leave.

The Rev. Samuel Ralston was appointed moderator, *pro tem*.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Thomas Campbell appeared in Synod, and asked an explanation of what those important reasons are, mentioned in a former minute respecting him, for which the Synod can not receive him into christian and ministerial communion.

On motion, resolved, that Mr. Campbell shall be furnished with an answer to his request before the rising of Synod.

The Board of Trust of the western missionary society reported. The report was received and their conduct approved.

The Treasurer of the Western missionary society made a report of the state of accounts in his hands.

Messrs. M'Dowell and Allison were appointed a committee of auditors to examine and report on the accounts of the Treasurer.

The Auditors shortly after stated that they had found the report of the Treasurer to be correct; which was therefore received and approved.

The balance per said report, now in the hands of the Treasurer, is six hundred and ninty-two dollars, five and an half cents.

The Rev. William Swan, and Daniel Fleming, Elder, obtained leave of absence.

The Synod resolved that the Board of Trust for the ensuing year, shall appoint a person to preach the next annual missionary sermon.

After a ballot for the Board of Trust for the ensuing year, the following were found to be duly elected, viz: the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Marquis, James Hughes, John Anderson, Elisha Macurdy, Joseph Stevenson and William Wylie, together with William Rea, William Lee, and William Hughes, Elders, to meet at upper Buffalo on the 3d Wednesday of this month, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Mr. Macurdy was appointed Treasurer of the Western missionary society, for the ensuing year.

The following question brought in through the Committee of Overtures, was postponed till the next meeting of Synod, viz: does the Synod of Pittsburgh approve the celebration of marriage by its members without publication or license? or is it a breach of the Sabbath to publish a purpose of marriage on that sacred day?

The committee appointed to draft an address to Congress, respecting Post office arrangements, reported an address, which being read and approved, is as follows.

The honorable speakers, and members of both houses of Congress.

The Synod of Pittsburgh being in session at Washington, on taking the matter into serious consideration, have deemed it their

duty, respectfully to represent to your honorable body, that the laws and regulations of the Post office department are considered and felt by a large and respectable portion of the citizens of our country, to be a serious grievance, so far as they allow and require the transportation of mails, and the keeping Post offices open on the Sabbath day.

That day being hallowed and set apart by the great sovereign of the universe to be observed as a day of rest for man and beast, and to be spent in the public and private exercise of God's worship.—It is therefore wholly impracticable to live in obedience to this supreme authority (which it will surely be allowed, is the duty of all men) and at the same time, conform to those laws and regulations. How many of our fellow citizens are hereby excluded from the privilege of observing this sacred rest, from the public worship of their God, and attendance on his ordinances? not only are the Post masters, Stage drivers and Post riders, thus debarred from their duty and privileges, but many more have their devotion interrupted or disturbed by the passing of mail stages and Posts, and the distribution of public newspapers on this sacred day, which also have a great tendency to increase the profanation of the Sabbath.

These laws and regulations, are therefore viewed as the occasion of very glaring violations of the laws of God, and therefore an infringement on the rules of conscience, and will have a tendency to induce conscientious Post masters to resign their trust, and these offices of great trust and responsibility, will be filled by men, in whom the utmost confidence can not be placed.

Moreover, when the laws and practices of our country are so inconsonant with the laws of heaven, we have reason to fear it may provoke God to inflict upon us, grievous judgments and calamities; we have already been threatened therewith, and our circumstances as a nation, much embarrassed. Whatever apology there might be for such regulations, for the more speedy conveyance of intelligence in the time of war and general danger, we can not conceive it at all necessary in a time of peace and safety.

Your Petitioners being desirous to demean ourselves as good citizens, in due subjection to the laws and regulations of our government, yet also unwilling to omit a due and conscientious observance of the precepts of the Supreme lawgiver, which being founded in righteousness, are unalterable; do therefore pray your honorable body so to alter the laws and regulations of the Post office department, as that Stages and Posts shall not travel, nor post offices be kept open on the Sabbath day, and your petitioners shall pray, &c.

SAMUEL RALSTON, Moderator.

ROBERT PATTERSON, Clerk.

WASHINGTON Oct. 5th 1810.

The Rev. James Hughes was appointed as agent, to forward the above petition to Congress.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod, to settle the accounts of the former Treasurer, informed the Synod that they

were not ready to report, on motion the Synod ordered that they attend to the business, and report to the Synod at their next meeting.

On motion, resolved that the Presbyteries composing the Synod of Pittsburgh be enjoined to instruct their commissioners to next General Assembly, to propose and urge such measures as may be best calculated to obtain a general concurrence of the friends of religion throughout the Union, in petitioning Congress on the subject of post office departments, particularly in relation to the carrying and distribution of the mail on the Sabbath day.

Resolved, also, That in order to obtain the concurrence of the citizens at large in an application to Congress on the subject of the post office department; Messrs. Stockton and Robert Patterson, be appointed a committee to draft a petition, have it printed, and copies transmitted as soon as possible to the different Presbyteries, that signatures may be procured, before the close of the next session of Congress.

The Synod agreed to return the following answer to Mr. Campbell's enquiry, viz:

It was not for any immorality in practice, but, in addition to the reasons before assigned, for expressing his belief that there are some opinions taught in our Confession of Faith, which are not founded in the Bible, and avoiding to designate them; for declaring that the administration of Baptism to infants, is not authorised by scriptural precept or example, and is a matter of indifference, yet administering that ordinance while holding such an opinion; for encouraging or countenancing his son to preach the gospel, without any regular authority; for opposing Creeds and confessions as injurious to the interests of religion; and also because it is not consistent with the regulations of the Presbyterian Church, that Synod should form a connection with any ministers, churches, or associations; that the Synod deemed it improper to grant his request.

On reading the above to Mr. Campbell, he denied that he said that the Baptism of infants was a matter of indifference, and declared that he admitted many truths, drawn by fair deduction from the word of God,—acknowledged that he opposed Creeds and Confessions, when they contain any thing not expressly declared in the word of God,—that he believes there are some things in our Confession of Faith, not expressly revealed in the Bible. He also declared that he felt himself quite relieved from the apprehension which he at first had with respect to his moral character.

Adjourned to meet in the first Presbyterian church in Pittsburgh, on the first Tuesday of October next, at 12 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Approved thus far by the General Assembly, May 21, 1811.

ELIPH'T NOTT, *Moderator of Gen. Assem.*

October the 1st, 1811.

The Synod met at Pittsburgh according to adjournment, and was opened by the Rev. Samuel Porter, moderator of the last year, with a sermon, from Gal. 3: 13.

The Synod was constituted with prayer.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Porter, George Hill, Wm. Speer, William Swan, Thomas Moor, Francis Laird, Wm. Wylie, James Graham, Robert M'Garrough, Thomas Hunt, Joseph Stockton and Francis Herron. Elders, Rob't Piper, Jas. Caldwell, Michael Finley, Charles Carothers, John Fearis, Jos. Cooper and James Lochry.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio—The Rev. Dr. John M'Millan, the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson, James Hughes, Thomas Marquis, Boyd Mercer, Samuel Ralston, George Scott, Matthew Brown, Andrew Gwin, Joseph Anderson, Elisha Macurdy, Jas. Snodgrass, Cephas Dodd, Moses Allen, Abraham Scott, Andrew M'Donald and Thomas Clark. Elders, Robert M'Cready, John M'Millan, James Brice, Arthur Erwin and James Proudfoot.

Of the Presbytery of Erie—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Samuel Tait, Abraham Boyd, Robert Lee, William Woods, Robert Patterson, Robert Johnston, Reed Brecken and John Matthews. Elder, John Creaton.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford—The Rev. Messrs. William Wick, James Satterfield, Alexander Cook, Clement Valandingham, Jonathan Leslie, James Boyd, Joshua Beer, Thomas Barr, Robert Sample and John Bruce. Elders, Thos. Dunlap, James Walker and Samuel Wilson.

Of the Presbytery of Lancaster—The Rev. Messrs. John Wright, James Scott, James Cunningham and George Vennemon.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Messrs. James Power, D. D., Joseph Henderson, Jacob Jennings, James Adams, James Guthrie and James Galbraith.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio—The Rev. Messrs. James Dunlap, D. D., William Woods, John Anderson, John Rea, Joseph Stevenson and William M'Millan.

Of the Presbytery of Erie—The Rev. Messrs. Cyrus Riggs and John Boyd.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Thomas Hughes, Johnston Eaton, and Nathan Derrew.

Of the Presbytery of Lancaster—The Rev. Messrs. Stephen Lindly, James Robinson, William Jones, Joseph Hughes and Jacob Lindly.

Synod proceeded to the choice of a moderator and clerks; whereupon the Rev. William Wick was chosen moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. James Hughes and John Wright were chosen clerks.

The Rev. Dr. John M'Millan, the Rev. Messrs. George Hill, Sam-

uel Tate, Jonathan Leslie, James Scott, together with James Caldwell, Robert M'Cready and James Walker, elders, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet to-morrow morning at this place, at 7 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Marquis and Robert Johnston were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone; the Rev. Messrs. Wylie and Satterfield, the records of the Presbytery of Ohio; the Rev. Messrs. M'Millan and Porter, the records of the Presbytery of Erie; the Rev. Messrs. M'Pherrin and Hill, the records of the Presbytery of Lancaster.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Thomas Hughes appeared, his reasons for not attending yesterday were sustained.

The minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Hill, M'Garrough, Abraham Boyd, Johnston, Tate, Brecken, Lee, James Boyd and Wright gave reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

Mr. Satterfield gave reasons for departing from the last meeting of Synod without leave, which were sustained.

Upon enquiry it appeared that Mr. Allen had obtained leave of absence from the last meeting of Synod, although inadvertently it is stated on record that he had not.

The Rev. Thomas Marquis, Elisha Macurdy and Thomas Hughes were appointed a committee to consider the act of incorporation granted by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania to the Western missionary society, and report on the subject generally as soon as convenient.

The Rev. Messrs. Stockton and Robert Patterson were appointed a committee to draft and lay on the table a petition to congress, praying them to revise and alter the law respecting Post office establishments, so that the Sabbath may not be violated by the mail being carried, and the Postmasters opening their offices on that sacred day, and report as soon as possible.

On motion, the election of a Board of Trust was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon.

On motion, Resolved, That this Synod renew their petition to congress to revise and alter the law respecting mails being carried, and Post offices kept open on the Sabbath day.

The Rev. Messrs. Speer, Brown and Moor were appointed to draft a petition for said purpose, and lay it before Synod as soon as possible.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie reported, and the records were approved.

The Rev. Messrs. Herron, George Scott, Woods, Barr and James Scott were appointed a committee to view parcels of books, in the hands of Mr. Robert Patterson, forwarded by the Rev. Thaddeus Osgood, select such as they shall think useful, and direct their distribution.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of eighteen members, and have under their care thirty-seven congregations, viz:

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Missionary Fund.		Commission- er's fund.		Added last yr.	Total in Com.	Adults.	Infants.
		D.	C.	D.	C.				
James Power, D. D.	Mount Pleasant,.....			2	56	8	151		15
Samuel Porter,....	Congruity,.....	6		2	68		130		30
Joseph Henderson,.	Ebenezer and Bethel,.....			5	19				
Jacob Jennings,....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....								
George Hill,.....	Fairfield and Donegal,.....			3	00		240	3	40
William Speer,....	Greensburg and Unity,.....	5	20	5	15	8	162		15
William Swan,....	Sewickly and Long Run,.....			1	46	3	124	2	13
Thomas Moor,....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....								
James Adams,....	George's Creek and Union,.....	2							
Francis Laird,....	Plumb Creek and Poke Run,.....	7				25			
William Wylie,....	Rehoboth and Round Hill,.....	36	69			6	182		20
James Graham,....	Beulah,.....			3	75	20	112	1	39
Francis Herron,....	1st Congregation of Pittsburgh,...			5	00	10	74		21
Joseph Stockton,...	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....								
James Guthrie,....	Laurel Hill and Tyrone,.....			3	20	16	242	4	33
James Galbraith,...	Gilgal and Harmony,.....								
Robert M Garrough.	New Rehoboth and Licking,.....								
Thomas Hunt,....	2d Congregation of Pittsburgh,...			5	28	27	54	1	15
.....	Salem,.....								
.....	Dunlap's Creek,.....	46	62						
		130	51	37	27	123	1470	11	231

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Uniontown, Somerset, Tygart's Valley, Quenmahoming, Crossings, Turkey-foot, Kittanning, Wheatfield, Red-bank and Glade run.

The Presbytery farther reported that they have on the 17th of October last dismissed Mr. Samuel Porter, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Carlisle, and on the same day received the Rev. John Stockton from the Presbytery of Erie. On the 18th of June last they dismissed the Rev. Jacob Jennings from the pastoral charge of the congregation of Dunlap's creek, and on the same day received the Rev. Francis Herron from the Presbytery of Carlisle, who on the same day accepted a call from the 1st Presbyterian church of Pittsburgh.

The Presbytery of Ohio reported to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they



consist of 23 members, and have under their care 41 congregations, 2 licentiates and 2 candidates, viz :

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Missionary Fund.		Commin- ion- er's Fund.		Added last year.		Total in Com'n.		Adults.	Infants.
		D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.		
John M'Millan, D. D.,	Chartier's,.....	13	9	6	85	11	189	1	29		
James Dunlap, D. D.,	Miller's Run,.....										
Joseph Patterson,.....	Racoon,.....	8		3		5	182	1	9		
James Hughes,.....	Lower Buffalo and Short Creek,			6	10	1	137		20		
Thomas Marquis,.....	Cross Creek,.....	25	76	4		3	256	2	31		
Boyd Mercer,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....										
Samuel Ralston,.....	Mingo Creek & Horse-shoe Bot.,	19	50	4	80	3	185				
William Woods,.....	Bethel and Lebanon,.....	3	50	3		23	243	2	26		
George Scott,.....	Mill Creek and the Flats,.....			2		2	148	1	18		
John Anderson,.....	Upper Buffalo,.....	30		4	25		237		12		
Matthew Brown,.....	Washington,.....					11	128		21		
Andrew Gwin,.....	Pigeon Creek and Pike Run,.....					1	229	1	25		
Joseph Anderson,.....	Richland and Short Creek,.....			3	6	17	144	2	20		
Elisia M'Curdy,.....	Cross Roads and Three Springs,	50		4		28	256		26		
James Snodgrass,.....	Steubenville and Island Creek,.....			2			105		9		
Cephas Dodd,.....	Upper and Lower Ten Mile,.....										
John Rea,.....	Beech Spring,.....	9		1		15	146		18		
William M'Millan,.....	Two Ridges,.....			2			86		15		
Moses Allen,.....	New Providence and Jefferson,.....	20	30	2		1	102		7		
Abraham Scott,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....										
Joseph Stevenson,.....	Three Ridges and Wheeling,.....	34	58	4	25	12	180	1	30		
Andrew M'Donald,.....	White Oak Flats,.....			1		9	46		11		
Thomas Clarke,.....	Crab-apple,.....			3	46	12	102		10		
		213	73	56	54	154	3103	11	337		

Vacant congregation able to support a Pastor : Monture's run.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Waynesburg, Charlestown, Wheeling, Grave-creek, Middle Island, M'Mahon's creek, Grey's Station, Centre, Yellow creek.

Licentiates: Michael Law and Ezekiel Glasgow.

Candidates: Two.

The Presbytery farther reported, that on the 3d day of October last they dismissed Mr. Joseph S. Hughes, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Lancaster. On the 17th of October they licensed Messrs. Michael Law and Ezekiel Glasgow to preach the Gospel, and on the same day they deposed from the ministry Mr. John M'Clane, former pastor of the congregation of Monture's run; on the 17th of April they dismissed Mr. Andrew Russel, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New Castle; on the 18th of April received from the Presbytery of Hartford Mr. Thomas Clark, a licentiate, and on the 20th of June ordained him minister of the Gospel, and installed him pastor of the congregation of Crab-apple; and on the 26th day of August, lost, by death, the Rev. John Brice.

The Presbytery of Erie reported to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 10 members, and have under their care 37 congregations and 1 candidate, viz :

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Commission- er's Fund.		Added last Yr.	Total in Com.	Adults.	Infants.
		D.	C.				
John M'Pherrin,....	Concord and Harmony,.....	3					
Samuel Tait,.....	Mercer and Cool Spring,.....	3		4	106		19
Robert Lee,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....	3					
Abraham Boyd,....	Middlesex and Bull Creek,.....						
William Woods,....	Plain Grove, .....	3	26	7	92		25
Robert Patterson, ..	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....	3					
Robert Johnston,...	Meadville, Sugar Creek and Conneaut,...	4					
Cyrus Riggs,.....	Fairfield and Mill Creek,.....		54	5	57		15
Reed Brecken,.....	Mt. Nebo and Plain,.....	3		4	38	2	8
John Matthews,....	Gravel Run and Waterford,.....	3		6	43	1	5
		25	80	26	336	3	72

Vacant congregations able to support a pastor: West Unity and Scrubgrass, Bear Creek and Union, Franklin and Big Sugar creek, Oil creek and Upper Union, Erie, North East and Chautauque Cross-roads.

Vacant congregations not able to support a pastor: Mayville, Beach Woods, Broken Straw, Warren, Amity, Upper Sandy, Conneaut, Middle Brook, and Highlands.

The Presbytery farther reported, that they have on the 4th of October last dismissed the Rev. John Boyd to join the Presbytery of Lancaster; and on the 17th of October they ordained Mr. John Matthews minister of the Gospel, and installed him pastor of the congregations of Gravel run and Waterford; and on the 2d of January they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Robert Johnston to the congregation of Scrubgrass.

The Presbytery of Hartford reported to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that the consist of 14 members, and have under their care 26 congregations and 1 licentiate, viz:

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Commission- er's Fund.		Added last Yr.	Total in Com.	Adults.	Infants.
		D.	C.				
Joseph Badger,....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....	2	6	15	147		17
Thomas Hughes,....	Mount Pleasant,.....	12	3	15	206	2	15
William Wick,....	Hopewell and Youngstown,.....	2	51	18	131		18
James Satterfield, ..	Moorfield and Neshanock,.....	1	7	18	58		16
Nathan B. Derrew, ..	Vienna,.....						
Alexander Cook, ...	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....						
C. Vallandingham, ..	New Lisbon and Long Run,.....	3	62	15	80	2	28
Johnston Eaton,....	Springfield and Fairview,.....	3	38	14	70	1	13
Jonathan Leslie,....	Harpersfield,.....			6	28		5
James Boyd,.....	Newtown and Warren,.....	2	62	25	65	6	22
Joshua Beer,.....	Springfield, (Ohio,).....			12			
John Bruce,.....	Elsworth,.....	1	52	15	22	1	1
Thomas Barr,.....	Euclid,.....	3		12	27	1	16
Robert Sample,....	New Castle and Slippery Rock,.....	3	76		85		6
	Vernon, able to support a pastor,.....						
	Aurora and Hudson, united, able,.....			13	31	1	18
	Poland and Westfield, united, able,.....	3	52				
	Green, Beavertown and New Salem, united, able to support a pastor,.....			2	20		5
		29	12	168	985	14	180

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Upper Salem, Coolspring, Pymatuning and Conneaut.

Licentiate: William Matthews.

The Presbytery farther reported, that they have on the 10th day of April last ordained Mr. Robert Sample minister of the Gospel, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of New Castle and Slipperyrock; and on the 23d of October, 1810, they dismissed Mr. Thomas Clark, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Presbytery of Lancaster made no report.

The Rev. Robert Lee obtained leave of absence.

The question, the consideration of which was postponed at the last, until the present meeting of Synod, viz: Do the Synod of Pittsburgh approve the celebration of marriage by their members without publication of the purpose of marriage, or license? Or is it a breach of the Sabbath to publish a purpose of marriage on that sacred day?—was taken up. A motion was made to postpone the further consideration of the question, and opposed. A division of the question was then called for and carried. The question of postponement on the first part was taken and lost. A motion was then made to answer the question in the negative. After some discussion the Synod

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of last session were read.

The Rev. John Boyd appeared at this time, his reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Ohio, Redstone and Lancaster reported, and the records were approved.

The committee appointed to draft a petition to congress relative to Post office establishments, reported a draft of a petition, which being read and amended, was adopted, and two hundred copies ordered to be printed and distributed amongst the members.

A missionary sermon was preached last evening by the Rev. Clement Valandingham, from Matt. 6: 10, and thirty-eight dollars were collected for the missionary fund.

The Rev. John Bruce, and Samuel Wilson, elder, obtained leave of absence.

The Treasurer of the Missionary Society reported, and Messrs. Ralston and Swan were appointed auditors to examine his accounts, and report as soon as convenient

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The auditors appointed to examine the present Treasurer's report,

stated that they had discharged that duty, and found the said report correct. The balance now in the hands of the Treasurer is eight hundred and three dollars, and fifty-four and a half cents.

The Board of Trust of Western Missionary Society reported—the report was received and their conduct approved.

The Synod proceeded to the election of a Board of Trust for the ensuing year—whereupon the Rev. James Hughes, Thomas Marquis, John Anderson, Elisha Macurdy, William Wylie and Joseph Stevenson; together with William Lee, William Rea and William Hughes, elders, were chosen—to meet at Three Springs on the third Wednesday of this month, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. John Boyd obtained leave of absence.

The committee appointed to examine the former Treasurer's accounts reported that they had attended to that business, and found a balance of sixty dollars due to the society by said Treasurer.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the unfinished business, relative to the solemnization of marriage without publication or license, when the motion before made and seconded, to answer the question in the negative, was taken up; and after some discussion, the vote was taken on the question, and it was determined in the negative, viz: That the Synod do not approve of their members celebrating marriage without publishing the purpose of marriage, or license.

The Synod then proceeded to discuss the latter part of the question, viz: Is it a breach of the Sabbath to publish a purpose of marriage on that sacred day?

After considerable discussion, the question was determined in the negative.

The committee appointed to draft a petition to congress, relative to Post office establishments, reported an address, which being read, was approved.

The Rev. George Hill and Moses Allen, together with Robert Piper and James Lochry, elders, obtained leave of absence.

The committee appointed for viewing and distributing the books, forwarded by Mr. Osgood to the care of Mr. Patterson, reported; which being read, was approved, and is as follows:

Your committee have attended to the duty assigned them, and have divided such books, pamphlets, &c., as they apprehended to be of importance, into five different parcels, for the respective Presbyteries of this Synod—to be distributed within their bounds; and that the moderator of each Presbytery be directed to forward such books, &c., to the place most eligible for distribution. They also report, that there are 125 hymn books at the book binder's, and that an equal proportion of these be at the disposal of the respective Presbyteries, when bound.

Mr. M'Garrough, through the committee of Overtures, requested that he, with the congregations under his care, might be detached from the Presbytery of Redstone, and annexed to the Presbytery of Erie. The Synod agreed to grant his request, and ordered that the Red Bank creek from the mouth up the southern branch to the boundary line of the Synod, shall hereafter be the line of division between the Presbytery of Redstone and Erie.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to consider the act of incorporation granted by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania to the Western missionary society handed in their report, which being read, was adopted, and is as follows.

Your committee report, that they see two difficulties that would arise out of the adoption of the present charter. 1. It prohibits the society from expending their funds in preaching the gospel to any other objects but the Indians. 2. Its duration being limited to 21 years, will operate against the acquisition of funds by the bequests of the friends of the mission, and finally place us in as bad, if not worse circumstances than we are in at the present. It is therefore our opinion that the present charter ought not to be adopted; but that the Synod should renew their petition to the Legislature at their next session, stating their difficulties in acting under the present charter, pointing out the manner in which it would interfere with the objects of the society, and materially affect its interests.

The Board of Trust of the Western missionary society were appointed to draft and forward to the Legislature of Pennsylvania a petition embracing the above objects.

On motion it was resolved, that Messrs. Porter and Speer, be a committee to prepare a pastoral letter to the churches under the care of this Synod, and lay it before the Synod at their next meeting.

An appeal from a decision of the Presbytery of Erie, in the case of Alexander Hamilton, was brought in through the committee of Bills and overtures. The appellant not being present, the Presbytery of Erie were directed to inform Mr. Hamilton of a standing rule of the General Assembly respecting such cases, recorded in the printed extracts, page 42.

On motion resolved, that the Rev. Messrs. Herron, Stockton, Hunt and Graham, together with James Cooper, Elder, be a committee to draft a Constitution for Tract society, and to take into consideration certain proposals, made by Mr. Patterson, relative to printing Books, and report at the next meeting of Synod.

The Synod having heard from various parts of the county with regret, that a certain Peter Miller, a black man, has assumed the character of a Preacher of the gospel, belonging to the Presbyterian body, and has imposed himself as such upon our churches,—do

consider it a matter of importance, to state to the churches under their care, that the said Peter Miller never was authorized by any judicature of our church, to preach,—that he is under church censure,—that he is immoral in his conduct, and that they believe, that the certificates he has obtained from ministers east of the mountains, only certify with regard to his conduct and preaching while among them, and not in relation to the authority by which he professes to preach. The Synod can also state upon correct information, that he never was licensed by German Calvinists at Tuscarawa to preach, and there is reason to fear that he is habitually guilty of artifice and falsehood in introducing himself to the notice of the churches. With these facts before them, they considered it their duty to warn the churches and people under their care, against the said Peter Miller, as disorderly and immoral.

The minutes of the whole session being read and corrected, the Synod adjourned to meet at the 1st Presbyterian church in Pittsburgh on the first Tuesday of October next, at 12 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Approved thus far by the General Assembly.

Attest, ANDREW FLINN, Moderator.

PITTSBURGH, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN }  
CHURCH, Oct. 6th, 1812. }

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs Samuel Porter, William Swan, George Hill, William Wylie, Francis Herron, Francis Laird, Joseph Stockton, James Guthrie, Thomas Hunt, William Speer, James Adams, James Graham and James Galbraith, with the Elders, David Buchanan, James Brown, Adam Coon, Joseph Findley, Charles Porter and Samuel Fleming.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. John M'Millan, D. D. The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson, James Hughes, Thomas Marquis, Samuel Ralston, William Woods, John Anderson, Andrew Gwin, Joseph Anderson, Elisha Macurdy, George Scott, Abraham Scott, John Rhea, William M'Millan, Moses Allen, Joseph Stevenson, Matthew Brown, Andrew M'Donald, Michael Law, Cephas Dodd, and Thomas Clark; Elders, Samuel Miller, James Hare, John Hare, James Morrow, Samuel Harper, Thomas Byers, John Orr, Samuel Riddle, James M'Laughlin and John M'Millan.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Samuel Tate, Abraham Boyd, William Woods, Robert Patter-

son, Reed Brecken, John Mathews, Cyrus Riggs and Robert M'Garrough.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford.—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, William Wick, James Satterfield, Alexander Cook, Clement Valandingham, James Boyd, and Robert Sample; Elders, George Dilworth and Daniel Montieth.

Of the Presbytery of Lancaster,—The Rev. Messrs. Jacob Lindley and Joseph Hughes.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. James Power, D. D., the Rev. Messrs Jacob Jennings, Thomas Moor and Joseph Henderson.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. James Dunlap, D. D., Rev. Messrs. Boyd Mercer and James Snodgrass.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. Robert Lee and Robert Johnston.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford,—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Nathan B. Derrew, Johnston Eaton, Jonathan Leslie, Joshua Beer, John Bruce, Thomas Barr and Giles Cowles.

Of the Presbytery of Lancaster,—The Rev. Messrs. Stephen Lindley, James Ralston, William Jones, John Wright, James Scott, James Cunningham and George Vennemon.

The Synod proceeded to elect a Moderator and two Clerks for the ensuing year, when the Rev. Thomas Marpuis was chosen Moderator, and Messrs. James Ralston and Joseph Stockton were chosen Clerks.

The minutes of the last sessions of Synod were read. The Rev. Messrs. William Swan, William M'Millan, William Woods, James Satterfield and Joseph S. Hughes, with the Elders, Charles Porter, Samuel Miller and George Dilworth, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, at this place, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. James Hughes and Robert Patterson, were appointed a committee, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone. The Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron and William Wick; the records of the Presbytery of Ohio. The Rev. Messrs. John Rhea and Joseph Stevenson; the records of the Presbytery of Erie. The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., and Samuel Ralston; the records of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. John Seward, a missionary from the missionary society of Connecticut, being present, was invited, and took his seat as a corresponding member.

The Rev. Messrs. James Adams, William Woods, Joseph S. Hughes, Jacob Lindley, William M'Millan and Cyrus Riggs, assigned reasons for their absence from the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer, the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Boyd Mercer appeared at this time, and his reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

The Rev. James Galbraith, also appeared at this time, and his reasons for not attending sooner, and also for non-attendance at the last meeting of Synod, were sustained.

Agreeably to a resolution of the Synod, the Moderator of the last year, preached on last evening, at candle light, from Jos. 9: 4.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported to Synod, and their report was received, and is as follows.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Missionary Fund.		Commissioner's Fund.	Admitted last y'r.	Total in Com.	Adults.	Infants.
		D.	C.	d. c.				
James Power, D. D.,	Mount Pleasant,.....			2	25			
Joseph Henderson,	Ebenezer and Bethel,.....	2	85	2	81			
Samuel Porter,	Congruity,.....	7	00	2	87			
Jacob Jennings,	Without a Charge,.....							
George Hill,	Fairfield and Donegal,.....							
William Swan,	Sewickly and Long Run,.....				11	134		17
William Speer,	Unity and Greensburgh,.....			4	8	160		12
Thomas Moor,	Without a Charge,.....							
Francis Laird,	Plumb Creek and Poke Run,.....			1	50			
James Adams,	Union and Sandy Creek,.....							
Francis Herron,	1st Congregation, Pittsburgh,.....			29	37			
Joseph Stockton,	Without a Charge,.....							
James Graham,	Beulah,.....			3	26	8	116	8
William Wylie,	Rehoboth and Round Hill,.....			3	80	6	131	13
James Guthrie,	Laurel Hill and Tyrone,.....			2	00	11	245	128
James Galbraith,	Gilgal,.....			3	95			
Thomas Hunt,	2d Congregation, Pittsburgh,.....							
		9	85	55	31	44	786	178

Vacant congregations able to support a pastor; Salem, Dunlap's Creek, and Little Redstone.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor; Uniontown, Somerset, Tygart's Valley, Quenmahoning, Crossings, Turkey-foot, Indiana, Kettaning and Wheatfield.

They further report, that they have on the 23d of last April, dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. James Galbraith and the congregation of Harmony.

Mr. James Sample an Elder from the Presbytery of Erie, and William Findley, Elder from the Presbytery of Redstone, appeared at this time, and took their seats, and their reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

Upon enquiry, it appeared that the Board of Trust, of the Western Missionary Society, who were appointed to draft and forward a petition to the Legislature of this State, for the purpose of obtaining a charter of Incorporation, had discharged their duty.

Mr. Robt. Laughlin an Elder from the Presbytery of Ohio, appeared



and took his seat, his reasons for not attending sooner, were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron and Thomas Hunt, were appointed a committee for distributing a number of Hymn Books in the hands of the Rev. Robert Patterson.

The Presbytery of Ohio reported to the Synod, and their report was received, and is as follows.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	Missionary Fund		Commissi- on's Fund.		Added last y <sup>r</sup> .	Total in Com.	Adults.	Infants.
		D.	C.	D.	C.				
John M'Millan, D. D.,	Chartier's,.....			5	50	12	189	3	26
Joseph Patterson,...	Raccoon,.....			2		7	178	1	26
James Hughes,.....	Lower Buffalo and Short Creek,...			6	75		127		11
Thomas Marquis,....	Cross Creek,.....			4					
Boyd Mercer,.....	Without a Charge,.....								
Samuel Ralston,....	Mingo Creek and Williamsport,...			6		9	190	1	24
William Woods,.....	Bethel and Lebanon,.....	14	4	2	98				19
George Scott,.....	Mill Creek and Flats,.....			2		21	165	2	17
John Anderson,....	Upper Buffalo,.....			6		9	241	1	50
Matthew Brown,....	Washington,.....			5		30	158	7	50
Andrew Gwin,.....	Pigeon Greek and Pike Run,....			2	50	16	234	1	34
Joseph Anderson,...	Richland and Short Creek,.....			6	1	11	175	1	13
Elisha M'Curdy,....	Cross Roads and Three Springs,...			3	56	22	274	1	28
James Snodgrass,....	Steubenville and Island Creek,...	1	20	7	25	17	119	1	29
Cephas Dodd,.....	Upper and Lower Ten Mile,.....								
John Whia,.....	Beech Spring,.....	4		1		27	165	2	40
William M'Millan,...	Two Ridges,.....				1	68			
Moses Allen,.....	Jefferson and New Providence,....			2	87	4	106		4
Abraham Scott,....	Without a Charge,.....					7	37	7	10
Joseph Stevenson,...	Three Ridges,.....			2		10	184	2	50
Andrew M'Donald,...	White Oak Flats & Sewickly Bot.,	75		2		28	73	1	47
Thomas Clarke,....	Crab Apple,.....			2	97	16	114		11
Michael Law,.....	Monture's Run,.....			2					
		19	99	73	88	257	3068	25	467

Licentiates, Ezekiel Glasgow, Ira Condit and William Johnston. Candidates, James Harvey, Andrew Wiley and James Smith.

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor; Wheeling town and Forks of Wheeling united.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor; Charlestown, Wanesburgh, Sardis and M'Mahon's Creek.

The Presbytery further report, that they have on the 17th day of October last, licensed Mr. Ira Condit, to preach the gospel; on the 15th of January last, ordained Mr. Michael Law minister of the gospel and installed him pastor of the congregation of Monture's Run; on the 21st day of April last, licensed Mr. William Johnston to preach the gospel; and on the 22d of April, dismissed the Rev. Dr. James Dunlap to join the Presbytery of Redstone.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer, the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Robert Johnston and Johnston Eaton, appeared and took their seats, their reasons for not attending sooner, were sustained, and likewise, Mr. Eaton's reasons for non-attendance at the last meeting of Synod.

The committee appointed by the Synod at their last meeting, for the purpose of drafting a Constitution for a Tract Society, and also to take into consideration proposals made by the Rev. Robert Paterson, relative to printing Books, reported, which report was read and ordered to lie on the table for further consideration.

The Presbytery of Lancaster reported to Synod, and their report was received and is as follows:

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	D.	C.	Commission- er's Fund.	Added last year.	Total in Com.	Adults.	Infants.
Stephen Lindley,...	Marietta,.....							
Jacob Lindley,....	Without a Charge,.....							
John Wright,.....	Hooking and Rush Creek,.....	5		5	85		26	
James Robinson,...	Mount Pleasant and Pickaway,.....	3	14	81	3	37		
James Scott,.....	Ebenezer, Clinton and Frederick,.....	3	12	86	3	20		
James Cunningham,	Salem and Fearing,.....	3	7	26	2	12		
George Vennemon,...	Newark,.....	3	50	24	64	1	27	
William Jones,....	Circleville and Walnut Creek Plains,.....							
Joseph S. Hughes,.	Delaware,.....	1			44	4	15	
		18	56	52	336	13	137	

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: Waterford, Clear Creek and Amanda, Worthington, Zanesville and Springfield.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Leatherwood, Union, Wahatomica, Turkey Run, Concord, Berkshire, Highbank, Galiopolis, Leading Creek, Athens and Walnut Creek.

The Presbytery further report, that they have one licentiate under their care; that on the 26th of August, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. William Jones and the congregations of Zanesville and Springfield; on the same day he declared his acceptance of a call from the congregations of Circleville and Walnut Creek Planes; on the 27th, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Joseph S. Hughes and the congregation of Berkshire; on the same day, they received under their care, Mr. James Culbertson, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and he declared his acceptance of a call from the congregations of Zanesville and Springfield.

A communication from the Presbytery of Lancaster was handed in, requesting Synod to petition the next General Assembly, to erect that Presbytery in connection with the Presbytery of Miami and Washington in a separate Synod; on motion resolved, that the Presbytery of Lancaster have leave to petition the next General Assembly for that purpose.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Redstone and Ohio, reported, and the records were approved.

The committee appointed, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie, reported, and the records approved, excepting the minute, (page 11,) respecting Walter Lowry's being taken under trials for licensure.

The committee appointed for distributing the Hymn Books in the hands of the Rev. Robert Patterson, reported that there were one hundred copies of them; and that there be twenty copies of them assigned for the use of each Presbytery, and that the Clerk of each Presbytery be directed to have them conveyed to the places of their adjournment.

The Rev. Messrs. Wylie and Cluch, with the Elders; Joseph Findley and Daniel Montieth, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### THURSDAY, 8th.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed by the last meeting of Synod for the purpose of preparing a pastoral letter, to be addressed to the Churches under their care, presented one which being read, was received and adopted.

The Rev. Messrs. Herron, Stockton and Hunt, were appointed a committee to superintend the printing of the pastoral letter; ordered that fifteen hundred copies be printed and distributed.

A petition from James Gaston, who had married his first wife's sister's daughter, which marriage has been judged incestuous by the Presbytery of Ohio, praying for a reconsideration of their case, and a restoration to the privileges of the Church, was handed in.

It was moved and seconded, that this Synod reverse the decision of the Presbytery of Ohio in that case. After some discussion, a motion was made to postpone the question for the purpose of introducing the following substitute—on motion, resolved, that the petition of James Gaston and wife, be not decided in this Synod, in as much as by the recommendation of the General Assembly, such cases are provided for in the inferior judicatures; the question was taken, and the substitute adopted.

The Presbytery of Hartford reported to the Synod, that they consist of 15 members, and have under their care 34 congregations and 1 licentiate.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	d. c.	Commission- er's Fund.	Addition of last year.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.
Joseph Badger,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....	1					
Giles H. Cowles,.....	Richfield,.....			13	57		
Thomas E. Hughes,.....	Mount Pleasant,.....	2	50	8	147		21
William Wick,.....	Hopewell and Youngstown,.....	3		17	217		29
James Satterfield,.....	Moorfield Hubbard and Brookfield,.....						
Nathan B. Derrew,.....	Vienna,.....	1		8	43		13
Alexander Cook,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....						
Clement Valandingham,.....	New Lisbon and Long's Run,.....	4	80	39	117	2	23
Johnston Eaton,.....	Springfield and Fairview,.....	2	50	5	64		17
Jonathan Leslie,.....	Harper's Field,.....			4	31		3
James Boyd,.....	Newton and Warren,.....	1		6	70		4
Joshua Beer,.....	Springfield and Canton,.....						
John Bruce,.....	Elswerth and Cool Spring,.....	1		12	32		6
Thomas Barr,.....	Euclid,.....	3	35	9	36		4
Robert Sample,.....	New Castle and Slippery Rock,.....	4	6	19	102		26
.....	Vernon, able to support a pastor,.....				60		43
.....	Poland and Westfield united, able,.....	1	45	4	55		8
.....	Aurora not able to support a pastor,.....			2	33		4
.....	Green, not able,.....			5	25		18
			23274	148	1098	2	189

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Henderson, Upper Salem, New Salem, Beavertown, Mantua, Pymatuning.

Licentiate: William Matthews.

The Presbytery farther report, that they have on the 15th of October, 1811, received Rev. Giles H. Cowles from the Hartford South. Association in Connecticut and was installed as Pastor of the congregation of Richfield; on the 15th of January 1812. They have dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. James Satterfield with the congregation of Neshanock.

The Presbytery of Erie, report to the Synod, that they consist of eleven members, and have under their care, thirty-six congregations and two Candidates.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	d. c.	Commission- er's Fund.	Added last Year.	Total in Com.	Adults.	Infants.
John M'Pherrin,....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....	3					
Samuel Tate,.....	Mercer and Cool Spring,.....	4		6	16		13
Robert Lee,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....						
William Woods,....	Plain Grove,.....	3					
Robert Johnston,....	Meadville, Sugar Creek and Conneaut Lake,.....	3					
Abraham Boyd,.....	Middlesex and Bull Creek,.....	3		3	60		2
Robert Patterson,...	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....	3					
Cyrus Riggs,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....	3					
Reed Brecken,.....	Mt. Nebo and Plain,.....	3				0	
John Matthews,....	Gravel Run and Waterford,.....	3				0	
Robt. M'Garough,...	New Rehoboth and Licking,.....						
			31	9	176	0	15

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: North East, Middle Brook, Concord, Harmony, Scrubgrass and West Unity.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Warren, Beach Woods, Broken-straw, Oil Creek, Sugar Creek, Franklin, Bear Creek, Slate Creek, Union, Upper Union, Chataque Cross Roads, Mayville, Erie, Fairfield, Amity and Highlands.

The Presbytery farther report, that they have on the 15th day of Oct., 1811, installed the Rev. Robert Johnston pastor of the united congregations of Meadville, Sugar creek and Conneaut Lake—on the 15th day of January, 1812, dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Cyrus Riggs and the congregation of Mill creek—and on the 8th day of April, the congregation of Fairfield.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A petition from the Highlands congregation, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Erie, was presented, praying, that the said congregation be detached from the Presbytery of Erie, and annexed to the Presbytery of Redstone. The prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the Rev. Messrs. Graham, Stockton and Sample were appointed a committee to ascertain what should hereafter be the boundary lines between the Presbyteries of Erie and Redstone.

A petition from the congregation of Sewickly, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Erie, praying that the said congregation be detached from the Presbytery of Erie, and annexed to the Presbytery of Ohio, was presented—which was likewise granted.

The Rev. Dr. M'Millan resigned, being stated clerk of the Synod, and the Rev. Francis Herron was appointed in his place.

A petition from the Rev. Johnston Eaton, was presented, requesting that he, together with the congregation of which he is the pastor, be detached from the Presbytery of Hartford and annexed to the Presbytery of Erie—which was granted.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford reported, and the records approved, excepting the proceedings (pages 99 and 100) relative to a member chargeable with error—whereupon Messrs. Speer, Ralston, Wick and Hill were appointed a committee to bring in a minute upon that subject.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY, Oct. 9th.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except Rev. Abraham Boyd and John Rhea, who obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The board of Trust of the Western Missionary Society reported, which report was received and their conduct approved.

On motion, Resolved, That no moneys shall hereafter be collected at the time of preaching the missionary sermon.

The committee appointed on the case of the Hartford Presbytery

brought in the following minute, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The committee appointed to bring in a minute concerning the proceedings of the Presbytery of Hartford in the case of a member charged with teaching erroneous doctrine; report, that inasmuch as the doctrine, that Christ made an atonement for the sins of all men, is not taught in our standards—and as it is an actual departure from duty and decency to rise in the name of God to teach immortal creatures the doctrines of salvation, for which His ambassadors have a “thus saith the Lord”—and entertain them with declarations on speculative points, (such as none are finally condemned merely for Adam’s transgression, and that all infants dying in infancy shall be saved,) on which no proof can be adduced, nor is pretended to be adduced; and with metaphysical distinction calculated to cherish the security of sinners and to reduce their apprehensions of the danger and misery of their fallen state. Resolved, That the Presbytery of Hartford have not proceeded in this case with that decision and zeal which was requisite.

The committee appointed to ascertain the boundary lines of the Highlands congregation reported, which report was received and adopted, and is as follows :

That the first point be at the Allegheny river opposite the mouth of Puckety creek; thence westerly until it intersects the Franklin road, 12 miles from Pittsburgh; thence southwest until it strikes the Ohio river, 8 miles from Pittsburgh; and thence up the river to the town of Pittsburgh.

Messrs. Wick, Galbraith, Hill, Allen, Harper and M’Laughlin obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

The Treasurer of the Missionary Society reported. Messrs. Brown and Herron were appointed auditors to examine his accounts, and report as soon as convenient.

The Synod proceeded to elect a Board of Trust for the ensuing year—whereupon James Hughes, William Wylie, Thomas Marquis, Elisha Macurdy, John Anderson and Joseph Stevenson, Ministers, with the Elders William Hughes, William Rhea and William Lee were duly elected.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o’clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o’clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A missionary sermon was preached on last evening by the Rev. Matthew Brown, and a collection of \$30,50 was raised for the missionary fund.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society reported, which report is as follows :

Examined the statement of the Treasurer’s account, and find a

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balance of eight hundred and twenty-six dollars and thirty-four and a half cents to be due to the society.

F. HERRON,  
M. BROWN.

Adjourned to meet at Washington on the 1st Tuesday of October next, at 12 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Approved thus far in the General Assembly.

SAM'L BLATCHFORD, *Moderator*.

May 24th, 1813.

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WASHINGTON, October 5th, 1813.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Thomas Marquis, the Moderator of the last year, from James 5: 20.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Dr. James Power, the Rev. Messrs. Samuel Porter, Wm. Swan, William Speer, Francis Herron, Joseph Stockton, Robert Lee and William Wylie. Elders, Messrs. John M'Call, Thomas Hoge, James B. Clow and John Emly.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio—The Rev. Drs. John M'Millan and James Dunlap, the Rev. Messrs. James Hughes, Thomas Marquis, Boyd Mercer, Samuel Ralston, George Scott, John Anderson, Matthew Brown, Andrew Gwin, Joseph Anderson, Elisha Macurdy, Cephas Dodd, John Rhea, William M'Millan, Moses Allen, Abraham Scott, Joseph Stevenson, Andrew M'Donald, Thomas Cluch and Andrew Wylie. Elders, Messrs. James Allison, John M'Cullough, Obadiah Jennings, James Dinsmore, Hugh Cotton, William M'Donald, John Miller, William Brice, Stephen Cook and John Riddle.

Of the Presbytery of Erie—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Abraham Boyd, Robert Johnston, Johnston Eaton, John Matthews and Robert M'Garrough.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford—The Rev. Messrs. Giles H. Cowles, Thomas E. Hughes, William Wick, James Satterfield, Alexander Cook, Clement Valandingham, John Bruce, Thomas Barr, Robert Sample and Ezekiel Glasgow. Elders, Messrs. Thos. Dunlap, Alexander Wright and Crawford White.

Of the Presbytery of Lancaster—The Rev. Messrs. Jacob Lindly, John Wright, James Scott, James Cunningham and Jos. S. Hughes.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Henderson, George Hill, Thomas Moor, Francis Laird, James Adams, James Graham, James Guthrie, Robert Patterson, James Galbraith and Thomas Hunt.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson, William Woods, James Snodgrass and Michael Law.

Of the Presbytery of Erie—The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Tate, Wm. Woods, Reed Brecken and Cyrus Riggs.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford—the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Nathan B. Derrew, Jonathan Leslie and Joshua Beer.

Of the Presbytery of Lancaster—The Rev. Messrs. Stephen Lindley, James Robinson, William Jones, George Vennemon and James Culbertson.

After prayer the Synod proceeded to the choice of a moderator and clerks; the Rev. Francis Herron was chosen moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. James Hughes and William Wylie were chosen clerks.

The Rev. Dr. John M'Millan, the Rev. Messrs. William Speer, John M'Pherrin, William Wick and John Wright, with the Elders, Obadiah Jennings, James Allison, James B. Clow and Thomas Hoge were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, and afterward on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. Elisha Macurdy and John Wright were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Messrs. William Swan and Jacob Lindley to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. Dr. M'Millan and Samuel Ralston to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. Thomas Marquis and John Anderson to examine the records of the Presbytery of Lancaster.

The Rev. Lyman Potter, of the Association of Muskingum, and the Rev. Simon Woodruff, of the Consociation of South Litchfield, being present, were invited and took their seats as corresponding members.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### WEDNESDAY, October 6th.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, with the addition of the Rev. Messrs. James Adams, Robert Patterson, James Galbraith and Michael Law, whose reasons for not attending soonor were sustained.

Messrs. William Courtney and John Nesbet, elders, also appeared and took their seats.

After prayer the minutes of the last sessions were read, and also the minutes of the previous session.

The Rev. Dr. James Power and Dr. James Dunlap, and the Rev. Messrs. Robert Lee, John Bruce, Thomas Barr, Giles H. Cowles, John Wright and James Scott assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The committee appointed to superintend the printing of the Pastoral letter reported that they had attended to that business.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported to the Synod, and their report was received, and is as follows :

| NAMES OF MINISTERS. | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.             | Commissioner's Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total in Com. | Adults. | Infants. |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----|------------------|---------------|---------|----------|
|                     |                                     | d.                   | c. |                  |               |         |          |
| James Power, D. D.  | Mount Pleasant.....                 |                      |    |                  |               |         |          |
| Joseph Henderson..  | Ebenezer and Bethel.....            | 3                    | 9  |                  |               |         |          |
| Samuel Porter,..... | Congruity.....                      | 3                    | 62 |                  |               |         |          |
| George Hill,.....   | Fairfield and Donegal.....          | 3                    | 00 |                  |               |         |          |
| William Swan,....   | Long Run and Sewickly.....          | 4                    | 12 | 5                | 130           |         |          |
| William Speer,....  | Greensburg and Unity.....           |                      |    | 19               | 163           | 1       | 24       |
| Thomas Moor,....    | Without a Charge.....               |                      |    |                  |               |         |          |
| Francis Herron,...  | 1st Presb. Church, Pittsburgh.....  | 26                   | 50 |                  |               |         |          |
| Francis Laird,....  | Poke Run and Plumb Creek.....       | 2                    | 00 |                  |               |         |          |
| James Adams,....    | Union.....                          |                      |    |                  |               |         |          |
| Joseph Stockton,... | Without a Charge.....               |                      |    |                  |               |         |          |
| Robert Lee,.....    | Salem, .....                        | 4                    | 25 |                  |               |         |          |
| William Wylie,....  | Rehoboth and Round Hill.....        | 5                    | 00 |                  |               |         |          |
| James Graham,....   | Beulah, .....                       | 5                    | 60 |                  |               |         |          |
| James Guthrie,....  | Laurel Hill and Tyrone.....         | 2                    | 00 |                  |               |         |          |
| James Galbraith,... | Indiana and Gilgal.....             |                      |    |                  | 61            | 4       | 30       |
| Thomas Hunt,....    | 2d Presb. Church of Pittsburgh..... | 3                    | 81 | 16               | 63            | 1       | 22       |
|                     |                                     | 63                   | 89 | 40               | 417           | 06      | 76       |

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Uniontown, Somerset, Tygart's Valley, Kittanning, Turkey-foot, Crossings, Quenmahoning, Glade run, Cherry run, Middletown.

The Presbytery farther report, that the Rev. Jacob Jennings was removed by death on the 17th of February last, and that they have on the 20th of April received the Rev. Robert Lee from the Presbytery of Erie, and on the same day received under their care Mr. William Johnston, a licentiate, from the Presbytery of Ohio, who had received a call from the congregations of Brownsville and Dunlap's creek. They likewise further report, that they have installed the Rev. Robert Lee pastor of the congregation of Salem on the 2d Tuesday of August, 1813.

The Presbytery of Ohio reported to the Synod of Pittsburgh, and their report was received, and is as follows:

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.   | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.                 | D. C. | Commission-<br>er's Fund. | Added last year. | Total in Coun-<br>n. | Admits. | Infants. |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------|----------|
|                       |                                         |       |                           |                  |                      |         |          |
| John M'Millan, D. D.  | Chartier's, .....                       | 6     | 50                        | 17               | 190                  | 1       | 29       |
| Joseph Patterson,.... | Raccoon, .....                          | 2     | 00                        | 20               | 169                  |         | 20       |
| James Hughes,.....    | Short Creek, and Lower Buffalo,....     | 6     | 25                        | 3                | 130                  |         | 9        |
| Thomas Marquis,....   | Cross Creek, .....                      | 6     |                           | 16               | 270                  |         | 26       |
| Boyd Mercer,.....     | Without a Charge, .....                 |       |                           |                  |                      |         |          |
| Samuel Ralston,.....  | Mingo Creek and Horse-shoe Bottom,....  |       |                           |                  |                      |         |          |
| William Woods,.....   | Bethel and Lebanon, .....               |       |                           | 5                | 234                  |         | 25       |
| George Scott,.....    | Mill Creek and Flats, .....             | 2     | 41                        | 4                | 161                  |         | 20       |
| John Anderson,.....   | Upper Buffalo, .....                    | 5     |                           | 12               | 248                  |         | 18       |
| Matthew Brown,.....   | Washington, .....                       |       |                           |                  |                      |         |          |
| Andrew Gwin,.....     | Pigeon Creek, .....                     | 2     | 50                        | 11               | 234                  |         | 27       |
| Joseph Anderson,..... | Riehlend, .....                         |       |                           |                  |                      |         |          |
| Elisha M'Curdy,.....  | Cross Roads and Three Springs, .....    | 6     | 31                        | 13               | 286                  |         | 25       |
| James Snodgrass,..... | Steubenville and Island Creek, .....    | 6     | 80                        | 12               | 121                  |         | 46       |
| Cephas Dodd,.....     | Upper and Lower Ten Mile, .....         |       |                           |                  |                      |         |          |
| John Rhea,.....       | Beech Spring, .....                     |       |                           |                  |                      |         |          |
| William M'Millan,.... | Without a Charge, .....                 |       |                           |                  |                      |         |          |
| Moses Allen,.....     | New Providence and Jefferson, .....     | 3     | 87                        | 14               | 122                  |         | 6        |
| Abraham Scott,.....   | Without a Charge, .....                 | 2     |                           |                  |                      |         |          |
| Joseph Stevenson,.... | Three Ridges, .....                     | 4     |                           | 6                | 108                  | 1       | 27       |
| Andrew M'Donald,....  | White Oak Flats and Sewickly Bottom, .. | 2     |                           | 21               | 89                   | 4       | 19       |
| Thomas Clark,.....    | Crab Apple, .....                       | 3     |                           | 13               | 117                  |         | 18       |
| Michael Law,.....     | Monture' Run, .....                     | 4     |                           | 36               | 183                  |         | 29       |
| Andrew Wylie,.....    | Miller's Run, .....                     |       |                           |                  |                      |         |          |
|                       |                                         | 61    | 64                        | 203              | 2662                 | 6       | 344      |

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: Wheeling town, and Forks of Wheeling.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Hopewell, Sardis, Two ridges, Charlestown, Short creek, M'Mahon's creek and Middle Island.

The Presbytery further report, that they have under their care one Licentiate and two Candidates—that they have on the 21st day of Oct. last licensed Messrs. James Harvey and Andrew Wylie to preach the Gospel—on the same day dismissed Mr. William Johnston, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Redstone, and dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. M'Millan and the congregation of Two ridges—that on the 20th of April last they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Jos. Anderson and the congregation of Short creek, and dismissed Mr. Ezekiel Glasgow, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Hartford—on the 22d June last they dismissed Mr. Ira Condit, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Erie—and on the 23d June last they ordained Mr. Andrew Wylie and installed him Pastor of the congregation of Miller's run.

The Presbytery of Hartford reported, and their report was received, and is as follows :

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.   | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.                 | Commission-<br>er's Fund. |     | Added last y'r. | Total in Com. | Adults. | Infants. |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|-----------------|---------------|---------|----------|
|                       |                                         | d.                        | c.  |                 |               |         |          |
| Joseph Badger,.....   | Without a Pastoral Charge,.....         |                           |     |                 |               |         |          |
| Giles H. Cowles,..... | Richfield,.....                         |                           |     |                 |               |         |          |
| Thomas E. Hughes,...  | Mount Pleasant,.....                    | 6                         | 50  | 23              | 166           | 1       | 25       |
| William Wick,.....    | Hopewell and Youngstown,.....           | 2                         | 67  | 8               | 218           |         | 23       |
| James Satterfield,... | Moorfield, Brookfield and Hubbard,..... | 3                         | 31  | 10              | 79            |         | 5        |
| Nathan B. Derrew,...  | Vienna,.....                            |                           |     |                 |               |         |          |
| Alexander Cook,...    | Scotland,.....                          | 6                         | 73  | 2               | 14            |         | 7        |
| C. Vallandigham,...   | New Lisbon and Long Run,.....           | 6                         | 47  | 6               | 178           | 1       | 25       |
| Jonathan Leslie,...   | Harpersfield,.....                      |                           |     |                 |               |         |          |
| Joshua Beer,.....     | Springfield and Canton,.....            | 6                         |     | 15              | 59            | 2       | 21       |
| Thomas Barr,.....     | Euclid,.....                            |                           |     | 4               | 36            |         | 18       |
| John Bruce,.....      | Elsworth and Cool Spring,.....          | 2                         |     | 6               | 36            |         | 5        |
| Robert Sample,.....   | New Castle and Slipperyrock,.....       | 5                         | 40  | 16              | 110           |         | 31       |
| Ezekiel Glasgow,...   | Beavertown and New Salem,.....          |                           |     |                 |               |         |          |
|                       |                                         | 36                        | 308 | 90              | 896           | 4       | 160      |

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: Vernon, Poland and Westfield, united; Warren and Newton united, and Neshanock.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Green, Upper Salem, Canfield, Mantua.

The Presbytery further report, that they have under their care one licentiate—that the Rev. James Boyd was removed by death on the 8th of March, 1813—that on the 22d June received Mr. Ezekiel Glasgow, a licentiate, from the Presbytery of Ohio, and on the 1st of September, 1813, ordained and installed him pastor of the congregations of Beaver town and New Salem.

The Presbytery of Lancaster reported to the Synod, and their report was received, and is as follows :

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.  | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.               | Commission-<br>er's Fund. |    | Added last y'r. | Total in Com. | Adults. | Infants. |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|----|-----------------|---------------|---------|----------|
|                      |                                       | d.                        | c. |                 |               |         |          |
| Stephen Lindley,...  | Marietta,.....                        |                           |    |                 |               |         |          |
| Jacob Lindley,...    | Stated Supply at Athens,.....         |                           |    |                 |               |         |          |
| John Wright,.....    | Hocking and Rush Creek,.....          | 9                         |    | 9               | 89            |         | 45       |
| James Robinson,...   | Mount Pleasant and Pickaway,.....     | 6                         |    |                 |               |         |          |
| James Scott,.....    | Ebenezer, Clinton and Frederick,..... | 4                         |    | 12              | 94            |         | 18       |
| George Vennemon,...  | Without a Charge,.....                |                           |    |                 |               |         |          |
| James Cunningham,... | Salem and Fearing,.....               | 150                       | 4  | 29              | 2             | 11      |          |
| William Jones,...    | Circleville and Walnut Plains,.....   | 4                         |    |                 | 11            |         | 8        |
| Joseph E. Hughes,... | Delaware and Liberty,.....            | 150                       | 10 | 52              |               | 6       |          |
| James Culbertson,... | Zanesville and Springfield,.....      | 1025                      | 7  | 38              | 1             | 16      |          |
| .....                | Waterford,.....                       | 3                         |    |                 |               |         |          |
|                      |                                       | 39                        | 25 | 42              | 314           | 3       | 104      |

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: Bear creek, Amanda and Walnut creek.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Worthington, Union and Washington, Newark and Concord, Berkshire, Licking, Unity, Leading creek, Ohio, Gallipolis, High Banks, Portsmouth.

Presbytery further report, that on the 11th Nov., 1812, they installed the Rev. William Jones, pastor of the united congregations of Circleville and Walnut creek Planes—and on the 24th Dec. they ordained and installed Mr. James Culbertson pastor of the united congregations of Zanesville and Springfield—and on the 1st July, 1813, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. George Vennemon and the congregation of Newark.

Adjourned to meet at half after 2 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Redstone, Lancaster and Ohio, reported, and their reports were accepted, and the records approved.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford, reported, and their report was accepted and the records approved, except that it appeared on examining the records that a reference had been agreed to be made to the Synod in the case of the Rev. Jonathan Leslie, which reference had not been brought forward, although apparently of considerable importance.

On motion, it was, therefore, resolved, that it be enjoined on the Presbytery of Hartford to take the proper measures to have that reference brought forward in an orderly manner as soon as practicable.

A reference through the committee of Overtures was laid before the Synod from the Presbytery of Redstone, seeking advice and direction in the case of Rev. Robert Patterson, who had applied to be recognized as a member of that Presbytery. The difficulty in the case of Mr. Patterson was stated to arise from his being deeply engaged in secular business.

The reference being taken up and some discussion had thereon, it was moved and carried that the further consideration thereof be postponed and the business committed to the Rev. Messrs. John Anderson, William Wick and Robert Johnston, with Messrs. James Allison and Obadiah Jennings, Elders, to consider and report thereon as soon as convenient.

On motion, it was resolved, that the charter of incorporation granted by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, for the Western Missionary Society, be taken into consideration, which being read, with the amendments, was, after some discussion, unanimously adopted.

The Rev. Messrs. Marquis, Macurdy, Wylie, with Mr. Hoge, El-

der, were appointed a committee to prepare and report a system of By-Laws for the regulation of the Missionary Society.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, Oct. 7th.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom was referred the case of Mr. Patterson, reported, and their report was received, and is as follows :

The committee having taken the subject into consideration, report that it is in their opinion inexpedient for this Synod to give the Presbytery of Redstone any advice or direction relative to the particular referred. It is a fact, in the opinion of your committee, but too well established, that many of the ministers of the gospel who are members of this Synod, are compelled to devote much of their time to secular affairs ; and it farther appears to your committee to be very difficult, if not impracticable, to form any general rules for the regulation of the conduct of the ministers of the gospel in this particular. At the same time, your committee being deeply impressed with the importance of the office of a gospel minister and the solemnity of his ordination vows, and deeming it altogether incompatible with both, for a minister of the gospel to devote more of his time and attention to secular concerns, than is absolutely necessary for the support and comfort of himself and family, beg leave to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is the duty of every gospel minister to devote the whole of his time and attention to the arduous and important duties of his office, unless his circumstances in life may in the providence of God, render it absolutely necessary to devote a part of his time to secular concerns for the support of himself and family ; and that it is not consistent with the duty of the office of a gospel minister to devote so much of his time to the affairs of the world as to prevent the regular performance of his parochial duties.

A petition was, through the committee of Overtures, laid before the Synod, by the Presbytery of Hartford, praying for a division of said Presbytery.

After some discussion, it was moved and decided that the prayer of the said petition be not granted at this time.

The Treasurer of the missionary society reported to the Synod the state of the funds—and Messrs. Swan and Stockton were appointed a committee to examine his accounts.

Messrs. Adams, Patterson, Lee, Courtney and Miller had leave of absence during the remainder of the sessions.

A petition, through the committee of Overtures, was laid before the Synod, praying that the congregation of Slipperyrock be detached from the Presbytery of Erie and annexed to the Presbytery of Hartford ; which was granted.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts repor-

ted that they had examined his accounts and found them correct. The balance in the treasury is nine hundred and sixty-two dollars and eighty-six cents.

On motion, resolved, that a committee be appointed to attend to the examination of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Fund for the education of poor and pious youth, and to make a dividend of the moneys in that Fund between the Presbyteries of Redstone and Ohio, and make report to the Synod at their next meeting; and that the Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, William Wylie, Samuel Ralston and Andrew Wylie be that committee, to meet at Dr. M'Millan's on the 3d Tuesday of November next.

The committee appointed to prepare By-Laws for the government of the Western Missionary Society reported, and after some amendments, the By-laws and resolutions reported by them were adopted, and ordered to be entered among the records of the Society, by the Secretary.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY, Oct. 8th.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Synod proceeded to elect a Board of Trustees, agreeably to the By-Laws of the Society, for the ensuing year—when the Rev. Messrs. James Hughes, Thomas Marquis, John Anderson, Elisha Macurdy, Francis Herron and Joseph Stevenson, with the Elders William Lee, William Rhea and Obadiah Jennings were duly elected.

Rev. Elisha Macurdy was chosen Treasurer; Rev. John Anderson Secretary; and Rev. Thomas Marquis Auditor of accounts.

The Synod of Pittsburgh deeply impressed with the consideration of the portentous aspect of our national concerns, feel themselves solemnly obligated to direct that portion of the churches and people of God with which they are connected to the solemn duties to which the word of God and the dispensations of his holy providence appear to call.

And do therefore appoint the 2d Thursday of November next to be observed as a day of humiliation, prayer and thanksgiving—in which they are required to humble themselves before the holy God, whose displeasure they have greatly provoked—for our national and individual sins—for our lamentable abuse of the distinguishing privileges and blessings with which we have been favored—and for the false and bitter spirit of party accrimination, which impairs the peace and comfort of society, threatens its safety, and exerts a baneful influence on the harmony and edification of the Church of God—to implore the pardon of all our crimes, and to beseech our gracious God in infinite mercy to bless our nation, direct its councils, and in his holy providence deliver us from those judgments with which he has been pleased to visit us—protect us from the calamities to which



we are exposed, and also to hasten the restoration of peace—and also to supplicate the effusion of his Spirit in his churches, and to promote exclusively his glory in the conversion and salvation of souls. The Synod farther recommend that thanks and praise be offered up to the gracious and holy God of our Fathers for such appearances of a favorable interposition in our behalf, as mark the recent occurrences on our North Western Frontier, notwithstanding all our ingratitude and rebellion against him, and particularly for preserving our extended and exposed Frontier, in so great a degree, from the ravages and cruelty of a barbarous and exasperated foe.

Adjourned to meet at Pittsburgh on the first Tuesday of October next, at 12 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Approved thus far by the General Assembly.

Attest,

JAMES INGLIS, *Moderator.*

May 24th, 1814.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 4th, 1814.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon, by the Rev. Francis Herron, moderator of the last year, from Acts 26: 17, 18: "To whom I now send thee, to open the blind eyes," &c.

After prayer, it appeared that the following members were present.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Porter, Francis Herron, Wm. Wylie, Joseph Stockton, James Graham, James Galbraith, Thomas Hunt, Robert Patterson, Francis Laird, and William Johnston; with the Elders, James Cooper, Thomas Davis, William Courtney and Ebenezer Finley.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Marquis, Samuel Ralston, Andrew Gwin, Elisha Macurdy, John Rhea, Abraham Scott, Andrew M'Donald, Thomas Cluch, Andrew Wylie, Joseph Stevenson, William Woods, Joseph Patterson, Michael Law, Matthew Brown and Jas. Harvey; with the Elders, James Calden, Alexander M'Candless, James Brice and Aaron Carr.

Of the Presbytery of Erie—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Samuel Tate, Abraham Boyd, Robert Johnston, John Matthews and Reed Brecken.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford—The Rev. Messrs. James Satterfield, Alexander Cook, Clement Valandingham, Thomas Barr, Robert Sample, Joshua Beer and William Matthews; with the Elder, William Porter.

## MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Dr. James Power, and Dr. James Dunlap, and the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Henderson, George Hill, James Adams, Robert Lee, James Guthrie Wm. Speer and William Swan.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio—The Rev. Dr. John M'Millan, Boyd Mercer, George Scott, John Anderson, Joseph Anderson, James Snodgrass, Cephas Dodd, William M'Millan and Moses Allen.

Of the Presbytery of Erie—The Rev. Messrs. William Woods, Cyrus Riggs, Johnston Eaton and Robert M'Garrough.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, William Wick, Joseph Badger, Giles H. Cowles, Nathan B. Darrow, John Bruce and Jonathan Leslie.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of moderator and clerks. The Rev. William Wylie was chosen moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. Robert Johnston and Michael Law, were chosen clerks.

The Rev. Messrs. Amos Chase, Simeon Woodruff and William Handford, missionaries from the Connecticut Missionary Society, being present, were invited and took their seats as corresponding members.

The Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, Samuel Tate, James Satterfield, and Samuel Ralston, with the Elders; Alexander M'Candless, James Brice and William Porter, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, in this place, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Dr. James Power, Rev. Messrs. William Speer and William Swan appeared in the house, and gave their reasons for not attending sooner, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. Andrew Gwin and Clement Valandingham, were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Messrs. Robert Sample and James Graham to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin and Andrew Wylie, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. Messrs. James Galbraith and Thomas Barr, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 5th, 1815.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session of Synod were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Francis Laird, James Graham, Joseph Patterson, Thomas Hunt, William Woods, Samuel Tate, Reed Brecken and Joshua Beer, assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

On enquiry, it appeared that the members had generally observed

the day of humiliation, prayer and thanksgiving appointed at the last meeting of this Synod.

Agreeably to an act of the last General Assembly, the Presbytery of New Lancaster was detached from this Synod, and was in connection with the Presbyteries of Washington and Miami formed into a new Synod, to be styled the Synod of Ohio.

It appeared upon enquiry that the Presbytery of Hartford was not prepared to prosecute the reference to this Synod, in the case of the Rev. Jonathan Leslie. Therefore,

Resolved, That it be enjoined on said Presbytery to bring forward the reference to the next Synod.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

Members present as above, with the addition of John Wylie and James Hare, elders, whose reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to examine the state of the Fund for the education of poor and pious youth for the gospel ministry, and to make a dividend of said moneys between the Presbyteries of Redstone and Ohio, reported, and the report was accepted, and is as follows, viz:

It appears that the Presbytery of Redstone originally contributed one hundred and seventeen pounds, five shillings and three pence to the Fund for the education of poor and pious youth; and the Presbytery of Ohio had likewise contributed to the said Fund two hundred and twenty-two pounds, eighteen shillings and three pence.

It likewise appears that the said Fund has sustained a loss of one hundred and six pounds, three shillings and five pence by the death and insolvency of persons to whom it was loaned. The proportion, therefore, of the above loss sustained by the Presbytery of Redstone is thirty-six pounds, nine shillings and six pence, and the proportion of said loss to the Presbytery of Ohio is sixty-nine pounds, ten shillings and six pence.

And it further appears, that of the aforesaid Fund, there remains to the Presbytery of Redstone eighty pounds, fifteen shillings and nine pence, and to the Presbytery of Ohio one hundred and fifty-three pounds, seven shillings and nine pence.

The Rev. Cyrus Riggs now appeared in the house; his reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio reported, and stated some exceptions to that part of the records relative to the case of William Caldwell. After some discussion of the subject, Synod

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was constituted by prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

Members present as above, with the addition of Alexander Brown, elder, whose reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

Synod resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of last evening. On motion, the report was accepted and the records approved, with the exception of that part contained in pages 22 and 23, relative to which an extensive discussion arose respecting the propriety of annexing the liberty of exhorting publicly to chatechising—a liberty liable to great abuse—in which some light was emitted concerning the character and qualifications of the person to whom this liberty was granted, and the improbability of its being used with advantage. Without forming any opinion respecting either of these points, the Synod resolved that it be enjoined on the Presbytery of Ohio to reconsider their proceedings in this case.

The Treasurer of the Missionary Society reported to the Synod the state of the funds, and Messrs. Gwin and Valandingham were appointed to examine his accounts.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, reported that they had examined his accounts and found them correct. The balance in favor of the Society in the contingent fund is five hundred and fifty-seven dollars, and ninety and half cents, and in the permanent fund five hundred and forty dollars.

The Board of Trust for the Western Missionary Society reported, and their report was accepted, and their conduct approved.

The Presbytery of Redstone report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 19 members, and have under their care 42 congregations, viz:

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.   | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.                               | Commission-<br>er's Fund. |    | Total in Com. | Added last y'r. | Adults. | Infants. |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----|---------------|-----------------|---------|----------|
|                       |                                                       | D.                        | C. |               |                 |         |          |
| James Power, D. D.,   | Mount Pleasant, for two years,.....                   | 7                         | 78 |               |                 |         |          |
| James Dunlap, D. D.,  | Stated Supply, Uniontown,.....                        |                           |    |               |                 |         |          |
| Joseph Henderson, ..  | Ebenezer and Bethel,.....                             |                           |    |               |                 |         |          |
| Samuel Porter,.....   | Congruity,.....                                       | 4                         | 70 |               |                 |         |          |
| William Swan,.....    | Seewickly and Long Run,.....                          |                           |    | 10            | 133             |         | 21       |
| George Hill,.....     | Fairfield and Donegal,.....                           |                           |    |               |                 |         |          |
| Wm. Speer,.....       | Greensburg and Unity,.....                            |                           |    |               |                 |         |          |
| Francis Herron,.....  | 1st Presb. Congregation, Pittsburgh, ..               | 30                        |    | 12            | 80              |         | 22       |
| Francis Laird,.....   | Plumb Creek and Poke Run,.....                        | 12                        | 18 |               |                 |         |          |
| James Adams,.....     | Union,.....                                           |                           |    |               |                 |         |          |
| Joseph Stockton,....  | Stated Supply, Allegheny town and Pine<br>Creek,..... |                           |    |               |                 |         |          |
| Robert Lee,.....      | Salem,.....                                           | 4                         | 00 |               |                 |         |          |
| William Wylie,.....   | Rebobothe and Round Hill,.....                        | 9                         | 74 | 4             | 160             |         | 21       |
| James Graham,.....    | Benlah,.....                                          |                           |    | 32            | 130             |         | 30       |
| Robert Patterson,.... | Highlands,.....                                       | 7                         | 00 | 9             | 54              | 2       | 18       |
| James Guthrie,.....   | Laurel Hill and Tyrone,.....                          | 3                         | 84 | 11            | 208             | 4       | 34       |
| James Galbraith,..... | Indiana and Gilgal,.....                              | 7                         | 49 | 13            | 72              |         | 36       |
| Thomas Hunt,.....     | 2d Pres. Congregation, Pittsburgh,.....               | 11                        | 57 |               |                 |         |          |
| William Johnston,.... | Dunlap's Creek, and Brownsville,.....                 | 16                        | 86 | 10            |                 | 1       | 10       |
|                       |                                                       | 115                       | 26 | 101           | 831             | 7       | 192      |

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Tygart's Valley, Middletown, Morgantown, Sandy creek, Crossings, Turkey-foot, Somerset, Cherry run, Kittanning, Quemnahuning, Glade run, Upper Plum creek, Wheatfield.

The Presbytery further report, that they have received on the 19th October last the Rev. James Dunlap, D. D., from the Presbytery of Ohio, and on the same day the Rev. Robert Patterson from the Presbyter yof Erie—on the 20th of Oct. last they ordained Wm. Johnston to the ministry of the gospel and installed him as pastor of the united congregations of Dunlap's creek and Brownsville—and on the 20th of April last dismissed the Rev. Thomas Moore, to join the Presbytery of Lancaster.

The Presbytery of Ohio report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 24 members, and have under their care 40 congregations, 2 licentiates, and 2 candidates, viz:

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.   | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.               | Commissioners Fund. |     | Added last yr. | Total in Com. | Adults. | Infants. |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|----------------|---------------|---------|----------|
|                       |                                       | p.                  | c.  |                |               |         |          |
| John M'Millan, D. D., | Chartier's,.....                      | 5                   | 70  | 24             | 223           |         | 25       |
| Joseph Patterson,...  | Raccoon,.....                         | 4                   |     | 22             | 177           |         | 34       |
| Thomas Marquis,....   | Cross Creek,.....                     | 4                   |     | 9              | 253           |         | 40       |
| Boyd Mercer,.....     | Without a Charge,.....                |                     |     |                |               |         |          |
| Samuel Ralston,.....  | Mingo Creek and Horse-shoe Bottom,... | 6                   | 64  | 10             | 113           |         | 26       |
| William Woods,.....   | Bethel and Lebanon,.....              |                     |     |                |               |         |          |
| George Scott,.....    | Mill Creek and Flats,.....            | 2                   | 66  | 12             | 163           |         | 15       |
| John Anderson,.....   | Buffalo,.....                         | 5                   |     | 8              | 228           |         | 25       |
| Matthew Brown,.....   | Washington,.....                      | 5                   |     | 16             | 184           | 1       | 50       |
| Andrew Gwin,.....     | Pigeon Creek,.....                    | 3                   |     | 13             | 229           | 1       | 33       |
| Joseph Anderson,..... | .....                                 | 2                   |     |                |               |         |          |
| Elisha M'Curdy,....   | Cross Roads and Three Springs,.....   | 5                   |     | 12             | 294           |         | 16       |
| James Snodgrass,....  | Steubenville and Island Creek,.....   |                     |     |                |               |         |          |
| Cephas Dodd,.....     | Ten Mile,.....                        |                     |     |                |               |         |          |
| John Rhea,.....       | Beech Spring,.....                    | 3                   |     | 25             | 185           | 4       | 32       |
| William M'Millan,...  | Without a Charge,.....                |                     |     |                |               |         |          |
| Moses Allen,.....     | Jefferson, &c.,.....                  | 1                   | 50  | 3              | 123           |         | 10       |
| Abraham Scott,.....   | .....                                 |                     |     |                |               |         |          |
| Joseph Stevenson,...  | Three Ridges,.....                    | 4                   |     | 9              | 110           | 3       | 17       |
| Andrew M'Donald,...   | White Oak Flats & Sewickly,.....      |                     |     |                |               |         |          |
| Thomas Cluch,.....    | Crab Apple,.....                      | 2                   | 64  | 6              | 117           |         | 30       |
| Michael Law,.....     | Monture's Run and Hopewell,.....      | 3                   | 60  | 44             | 216           | 10      | 54       |
| Andrew Wylie,.....    | Miller's Run,.....                    | 2                   |     | 8              | 90            |         | 14       |
| James Hervey,.....    | Wheeling,.....                        |                     | 15  |                |               |         |          |
| .....                 | Short Creek and Lower Buffalo,.....   | 8                   | 25  | 3              | 122           | 15      |          |
|                       |                                       | 67                  | 584 | 246            | 2899          | 20      | 447      |

Vacant congregations: Short creek and Lower Buffalo, Two ridges and Richmond.

Licentiates: John Reid and James Smith.

Candidates: Two.

The Presbytery report further, that they have on the 29th of June licensed James Smith to preach the gospel—on the 26th of April ordained James Harvey to the ministry of the gospel, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Wheeling Town and the Forks of Wheeling—on the 29th of June they have dissolved the

pastoral relation of the Rev. James Hughes to the congregations of Short creek and Lower Buffalo, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Miami.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Presbytery of Erie report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 10 members, and have under their care 39 congregations and 2 licentiates, viz :

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.  | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.                 | Education Fund. |    | Commissioner's Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total in Com. | Adults. | Infants. |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|----|----------------------|----|------------------|---------------|---------|----------|
|                      |                                         | D.              | C. | D.                   | C. |                  |               |         |          |
| John M'Pherrin,...   | Butler and Concord,.....                |                 |    | 3                    |    |                  |               |         |          |
| Samuel Tate,.....    | Mercer and Upper Salem,.....            |                 |    | 5                    |    |                  |               |         |          |
| William Woods,...    | Plain Grove,.....                       |                 |    | 3                    |    |                  |               |         |          |
| Robert Johnston,...  | Meadville, Sugar Creek & Conneaut lake, |                 |    | 10                   |    | 34               | 174           | 3       | 30       |
| Abraham Boyd,.....   | Middlesex and Bull Creek,.....          | 8               | 84 | 4                    | 60 | 9                | 72            |         | 8        |
| Cyrus Riggs,.....    | Scrubgrass and West Unity,.....         | 14              | 55 | 3                    | 00 | 8                | 88            | 2       | 16       |
| Reed Brecken,.....   | Mt. Nebo and Plain,.....                | 9               | 00 | 3                    |    | 2                | 39            | 2       | 8        |
| John Matthews,.....  | Waterford and Gravel Run,.....          |                 |    | 3                    |    | 4                | 51            |         | 3        |
| Robt. M'Garrough,... | New Rehoboth and Licking,.....          |                 |    | 4                    | 12 | 18               | 143           | 2       | 17       |
| Johnston Eaton,...   | Fairview and Springfield,.....          |                 |    | 3                    |    |                  | 48            |         | 6        |
|                      |                                         | 32              | 39 | 31                   | 72 | 75               | 575           |         | 988      |

Vacant congregations: Fairfield, Big Sugar creek, Chetauque, Cross Roads, North East, Middle Brook, Upper Union, Mayville, Warren, Beach Woods, Broken Straw, Oil creek, Cherry tree, Franklin, Amity, Bear creek, Union, Slate Lick, Toby's creek, Sandy Lick.

Licentiates: Ira Condit and John Reddick.

The Presbytery of Erie further report, that they did on 7th of April, 1813, instal the Rev. John M'Pherrin as pastor of the congregation of Butler—that on the same day they dismissed Rev. Robert Lee, to join the Presbytery of Redstone—that on the 19th of October, 1813, they received Mr. Ira Condit, a licentiate, from the Presbytery of Ohio; and on the 20th of the same month they licensed John Reddick to preach the gospel—and that on the 6th of April, 1814, they installed the Rev. Cyrus Riggs pastor of the congregation of Scrubgrass.

The petition of the Presbytery of Hartford for a division, presented at the last meeting of the Synod, was renewed; whereupon it was resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted; and the following lines are established as the boundaries, viz :

Beginning at the mouth of Walnut creek, thence south along the dividing line between Erie and Hartford Presbyteries until opposite the north line of No. 4 in the first range of Connecticut reserve, thence west to the west line of Trumbull county, thence south to the north line of No. 2 in the 5th range, thence west to the west line of

Portage county, thence south to the latitude line, thence west to the dividing line between the Synods of Pittsburgh and Ohio.

On the north and west of said lines are included that tract of country which will comprise the following members and their congregations, with the exception of the Rev. Jonathan Leslie and his charge: the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Giles H. Cowles and Thos. Barr, who are to form the New Presbytery, to be known by the name of the Grand River Presbytery.

They are directed to meet at Euclid on the 2d Tuesday of Nov. next, and the Presbytery to be opened by a sermon from the Rev. Joseph Badger, who shall preside, until a moderator is chosen.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Redstone and Erie, reported, and their report was accepted and the records approved.

On motion, Resolved, That the Synod proceed to the election of a Board of Trust for the ensuing year; when the Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, Thomas Hunt, James Graham, Robert Patterson, Elisha Macurdy and Michael Law, with the Elders Thomas Davis, James Cooper and John M. Snowden were duly elected.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was constituted by prayer.

Members present as above, except Dr. James Power and Rev. John M'Pherrin, who obtained leave of absence on last evening, during the remainder of the sessions.

On motion, Resolved, That this Synod enjoin it upon every member of this body, to furnish the Presbytery of Ohio, at their next meeting, with any evidence that may be in his possession, to give effect to the injunction of this Synod, in the case of William Caldwell.

The Records being read, the Synod adjourned to meet at Pittsburgh on the 1st Tuesday of October next, at 12 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Approved thus far by the General Assembly.

WILLIAM NIELL, *Moderator.*

May 20th, 1815.

PITTSBURGH Oct. 3d, 1815.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. William Wylie, the moderator of the last year, on 2 Cor. 4: 5.

After prayer it appeared that the following members were present, viz :

## MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Porter, William Swan, George Hill, William Speer, Francis Laird, Francis Herron, James Graham Joseph Stockton, William Wylie, Robert Lee, Robert Patterson, Thomas Hunt, James Guthrie William Johnston, with the Elders, John M. Snowden; William M'Cray, Daniel Fleming, Joseph Torrence, William Findley, Joseph M'Cullough and Robert Baird.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D. Thomas Marquis, George Scott, John Anderson, Wm. Woods, Joseph Anderson, Elisha Macurdy, William M'Millan, Moses Allen, Andrew M'Donald, Abraham Scott, Michael Law and Andrew Wylie. Elders, John Hare, John Duncan, John Gilchrist, John Snodgrass, John Todd, John Nesbet, James Ewing, James Hare and Henry Graham.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Samuel Tate, Abraham Boyd, Robert Johnston, William Woods, Cyrus Riggs, Reed Bracken, John Matthews and Robert M'Garrough; Elders, John Neighman, Benjamin Coe and Ephraim Harris.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford,—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, Clement Valandingham, Jonathan Leslie, Joshua Beer, John Bruce, Robert Semple, and William Mathews.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River,—The Rev. Messrs. John Seward and William Handford.

## MEMBERS ABSENT.

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—Drs. James Power and James Dunlap, and the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Henderson and James Galbraith.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson, Samuel Ralston, Andrew Gwin, Matthew Brown, Boyd Mercer, Cephas Dodd, James Snodgrass, John Rhea, Joseph Stevenson, James Harvey and Alexander Cook.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. Johnston Eaton, Ira Condit, and Amos Chase.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford,—The Rev. Messrs James Satterfield, Nathan B. Darrow and Benjamin Boyd.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River,—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Thomas Barr, Giles H. Cowles, Simon Woodruff, Harvey Coe.

Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk. The Rev. John Anderson was chosen Moderator and the Rev. William M'Millan, Clerk.



On motion, resolved that the Rev. Joseph Stockton be appointed Clerk, to the Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. William Swan, Thomas Marquis, William Woods, Clement Valandingham and John Seward; with the Elders, Daniel Fleming, John Hare and Ephraim Harris, were appointed a Committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock in this place, and afterward, on their own adjournments.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, with the addition of the Rev. Joseph Patterson, whose reasons for not attending sooner were sustained. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. George Hill, Robert Lee, James Guthrie, George Scott, John Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Moses Allen, William Woods, Robert M'Garrough, Thomas E. Hughes, John Bruce and Jonathan Leslie, assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. Andrew Wylie and Thomas E. Hughes, were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Messrs. William Speer and Robert Johnston, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. Messrs. William Wylie and Clement Valandingham, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie.

The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin and George Scott, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. John Dr. M'Millan and Samuel Ralston, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Grand River.

The Rev. John Joice, a member of the Philadelphia Presbytery being present, was invited took his seat as a corresponding member.

The Rev. Samuel Ralston appeared and took his seat, his reasons for not attending sooner, were sustained.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported to the Synod, and their report was received, and is as follows:

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.    | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.                           | Missionary Fund. |     | Commissioner's Fund. |     | Added Compt's. | Infants Bap. | Adults Bap. | Total in Com. |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
|                        |                                                   | D.               | C.  | D.                   | C.  |                |              |             |               |
| James Power, D. D.,    | Mount Pleasant,.....                              |                  |     | 4                    | 12½ |                |              |             |               |
| James Dunlap, D. D.,   | Stated Supply at Uniontown,.....                  |                  |     |                      |     |                |              |             |               |
| Joseph Henderson,      | Bethel and Ebenezer,.....                         |                  |     |                      |     |                |              |             |               |
| Samuel Porter,.....    | Congruity,.....                                   | 70               | 00  | 3                    | 75  |                |              |             |               |
| George Hill,.....      | Fairfield and Donegal,.....                       | 35               | 32  |                      |     |                |              |             |               |
| William Swan,.....     | Sewickly and Long Run,.....                       | 20               | 37  | 8                    | 29½ | 9              |              |             | 138           |
| William Speer,.....    | Greensburg and Unity,.....                        | 26               | 35  | 6                    |     | 11             | 41           |             | 179           |
| Francis Laird,.....    | Poke Run and Plumb Creek,.....                    | 25               | 19  | 6                    | 50  |                |              |             |               |
| Francis Herron,.....   | 1st Congregation, Pittsburgh,.....                | 62               | 35  | 30                   |     |                |              |             |               |
| Joseph Stockton,.....  | Stated Supply at Alleghenytown & Pine Creek,..... |                  |     |                      |     |                |              |             |               |
| Robert Lee,.....       | Salem,.....                                       | 25               | 50  | 5                    | 2   |                |              |             |               |
| William Wylie,.....    | Rehoboth and Round Hill,.....                     |                  |     | 7                    | 29  |                | 12           |             | 170           |
| Robert Patterson,..... | Highlands,.....                                   | 15               | 25  | 5                    | 10  | 11             | 11           |             | 61            |
| James Graham,.....     | Beulah,.....                                      | 9                | 25  | 4                    |     |                |              |             |               |
| James Guthrie,.....    | Laurel Hill and Tyrone,.....                      | 12               | 65  | 6                    | 50  |                | 18           |             | 197           |
| James Galbraith,.....  | Indiana and Gilgal,.....                          |                  |     | 5                    | 00  | 13             | 20           |             | 83            |
| Thomas Hunt,.....      | 2d Congregation, Pittsburgh,.....                 | 17               | 33  |                      |     |                |              |             |               |
| William Johnston,..... | Dunlap's Creek, & Brownsville,.....               | 37               | 45  | 30                   |     | 29             | 22           | 03          | 99            |
|                        |                                                   | 358              | 111 | 121                  | 66  | 73             | 124          | 03          | 927           |

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Tygart's Valley, Union, Sandy Creek, Somerset, Crossings, Turkey-foot, Glade Run, Kittaning, Wheatfield, Cherry Run.

The Presbytery further report, that they have on the 19th of October last dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. James Adams and the congregation of Union, and upon the the same day dismissed Mr. Adams to join the Presbytery of Lancaster.

The Presbytery of Ohio report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of 25 members, and have under their care 45 Congregations, 3 Licentiates and one Candidate.

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.   | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.              | Missionary Fund. |    | Commissi-<br>on-er's Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total in Comm. | Adults. | Infants. |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|----|----------------------------|----|------------------|----------------|---------|----------|
|                       |                                      | D.               | C. | D.                         | C. |                  |                |         |          |
| John M'Millan, D. D., | Chartier's, .....                    | 10               | 00 | 5                          | 12 | 12               | 115            | 2       | 30       |
| Joseph Patterson,.... | Raccoon. Education Fund, \$19.00..   |                  |    | 3                          | 50 |                  | 171            | 5       | 21       |
| Thomas Marquis,....   | Cross Creek, .....                   | 20               | 00 | 5                          | 00 |                  | 238            | 2       | 23       |
| Boyd Mercer,.....     | Without a Charge, .....              |                  |    |                            |    |                  |                |         |          |
| Samuel Ralston,....   | Mingo Creek and Mingo Bottom, ..     |                  |    | 6                          | 62 | 14               | 174            | 10      | 37       |
| William Woods,....    | Bethel and Lebanon, .....            | 24               | 87 |                            |    |                  | 219            | 5       | 29       |
| George Scott,.....    | Mill Creek and Flats, .....          | 1                | 45 | 3                          |    | 1                | 161            | 2       | 34       |
| John Anderson,....    | Buffalo, .....                       |                  |    | 6                          |    | 10               | 238            | 1       | 18       |
| Mathew Brown,....     | Washington, .....                    |                  |    | 6                          |    | 6                | 190            | 5       | 45       |
| Andrew Gwin,.....     | Pigeon Creek, .....                  |                  |    | 3                          |    | 6                | 235            | 1       | 24       |
| Joseph Anderson,....  | Richland, .....                      |                  |    |                            |    |                  |                |         |          |
| Elisha Macurdy,....   | Cross Roads and Three Springs, ..    |                  |    | 6                          | 50 | 24               | 319            | 5       | 24       |
| James Snodgrass,....  | Steubenville and Island Creek, ..... |                  |    |                            |    |                  |                |         |          |
| Alexander Cook,....   | Bethany, .....                       |                  |    | 4                          | 72 |                  | 40             | 1       | 3        |
| Cephas Dodd,.....     | Ten Mile, .....                      |                  |    |                            |    |                  |                |         |          |
| John Rhea,.....       | Beech Spring, .....                  |                  |    | 3                          |    | 16               | 201            |         | 23       |
| William M'Millan,...  | Without a Charge, .....              |                  |    |                            |    |                  |                |         |          |
| Moses Allen,.....     | New Providence and Jefferson, .....  |                  |    | 4                          |    |                  | 222            |         | 8        |
| Abraham Scott,....    | Without a Charge, .....              |                  |    |                            |    |                  |                |         |          |
| Joseph Stevenson,...  | Three Ridges, .....                  |                  |    | 4                          |    | 9                | 119            | 3       | 24       |
| Andrew M'Donald,...   | White Oak Flats, .....               |                  |    | 2                          | 37 | 9                | 100            | 5       | 26       |
| Thomas Clerch,....    | Crab Apple, .....                    | 5                | 56 |                            |    | 6                | 128            |         | 5        |
| Michael Law,.....     | Monture's Run, Edu. Fund, \$4.35, .. | 14               | 00 |                            |    |                  | 209            | 2       | 25       |
| Andrew Wylie,....     | Miller's Run, .....                  | 32               | 00 | 1                          | 87 |                  | 89             | 1       | 9        |
| James Hervey,.....    | Weeeling town and Forks, .....       |                  |    | 3                          |    | 21               | 82             | 1       | 14       |
|                       |                                      | 107              | 88 | 67                         | 71 | 134              | 3255           | 51      | 425      |

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: Lower Buffalo and West Liberty, Two Ridges and Richmond.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Short Creek, M'Mahon's Creek, Wheeling Cross Roads, Harmony, Concord, Waynesburgh, Sardis, Middletown, Clarksburgh, Hopewell, and French Creek. John Reed, James Wright, Mecaiah Fairfield, Licentiates.

The Presbytery further report that they have on the 18th of October, dismissed Mr. James Smith a Licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Lancaster; that they have on the 3d, day of January, received the Rev. Alexander Cook, from the Presbytery of Hartford and installed him Pastor of the Congregation of Bethany and licensed James Wright and Mecaiah Fairfield to preach the Gospel.

The Presbytery of Erie report, to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of thirteen members and have under their care, 41 Congregations, namely.

| NAMES OF MINISTERS. | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.                 | Education. |     | Commissi-<br>on-<br>er's Fund. | Added last year. | Total in Com. | Adults. | Infants. |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------|-----|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------|----------|
|                     |                                         | D.         | C.  |                                |                  |               |         |          |
| John M'Pherrin,...  | Butler and Concord,.....                | 50         |     |                                | 1                | 53            |         | 5        |
| Amos Chase,.....    | Without a Charge,.....                  |            |     |                                |                  |               |         |          |
| Samuel Tait,.....   | Mercer and Salem,.....                  | 6          | 62½ | 6                              | 75               |               |         |          |
| Wm. Woods,.....     | Plain Grove,.....                       |            |     |                                |                  |               |         |          |
| Robert Johnston,... | Meadville, Sugar Creek and Conneaut,... | 7          | 50  | 6                              | 00               | 20            | 173     | 426      |
| Abraham Boyd,...    | Middlesex and Bull Creek,.....          |            |     |                                |                  | 6             | 76      | 11       |
| Robert M'Garrough,  | New Rehoboth and Licking,.....          | 8          | 15½ |                                |                  |               |         |          |
| Cyrus Riggs,.....   | Scrubgrass and West Unity,.....         | 16         | 00  | 3                              | 00               | 13            | 127     | 1 14     |
| Reed Brecken,.....  | Nebo and Plain,.....                    |            |     |                                |                  | 3             | 37      | 9        |
| John Matthews,....  | Waterford, Upper Union, and Conneaut,   | 7          | 75  | 3                              | 00               | 7             | 30      | 4        |
| Johnston Eaton,.... | Fairview, Erie, and North East,.....    | 8          | 12½ | 5                              | 00               | 1             | 38      | 9        |
| Ira Condit,.....    | Fairfield and Big Sugar Creek,.....     |            |     | 4                              | 80               |               |         |          |
| John Riddich,.....  | Slate Lick and Union,.....              |            |     |                                |                  |               |         |          |
|                     |                                         | 54         | 65½ | 28                             | 75               | 51            | 534     | 5 78     |

Vacancies : Middlebrook, Chetauque, Cross Roads, Mayville, Warren, Beach Woods, Broken-straw, Gravel Run, Oil creek, Cherry tree, Franklin, Bear creek, Sandy Lick, Tobey's creek, Deer creek and Amity.

The Presbytery further report, that they have on the 8th day of November, 1814, ordained Mr. Ira Condit to the ministry of the Gospel; and installed him as pastor of the united congregations of Fairfield and Big Sugar Creek. That they have on the same day dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. John Matthews and the congregation of Gravel Run; and the Rev. Johnston Eaton and the congregation of Springfield.

That they have on the 27th day of June, 1815, received the Rev. Amos Chase, from the South Consociation of Litchfield; and on the 28th day of Sep. ordained Mr. John Reddick to the ministry of the Gospel and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Slate Lick and Union.

On motion, Resolved, That the Presbyteries, which have not contributed to the missionary fund, be directed to attend to missionary collections as soon as practicable, and transmit the moneys to the Treasurer of the Board of Trust.

Resolved, That the Board of Trust, be directed to report hereafter, early in the Sessions of Synod.

The Presbytery of Hartford report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of ten ministers, and have under their care 26 Congregations.

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.     | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.            | Education. |    | Commis-<br>ion-<br>er's Fund | Added last y'r. | Total. | Infants. |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----|------------------------------|-----------------|--------|----------|
|                         |                                    | D.         | C. |                              |                 |        |          |
| Thomas E. Hughes,...    | Mount Pleasant,.....               | 32         | 40 | 5 00                         | 17              | 156    | 28       |
| James Satterfield,...   | Moorfield and Hubbert,.....        |            |    | 2 00                         | 12              | 92     | 7        |
| Clm't. Valandingham,... | New Lisbon and Long Run,.....      | 4          | 50 | 4 40                         | 26              | 233    | 428      |
| N. B. Darrow,.....      | Vienna,.....                       | 1          | 00 |                              |                 | 37     | 4        |
| Joshua Beer,.....       | Springfield and Canton,.....       |            |    | 2                            | 19              | 96     | 15       |
| John Bruce,.....        | Elsworth,.....                     |            |    | 2                            |                 | 36     | 4        |
| Robert Semple,.....     | New Castle and Slippery Rock,..... | 16         | 34 | 4                            | 4               | 128    | 222      |
| Benjamin Boyd,.....     | .....                              |            |    |                              |                 |        |          |
| Jonathan Leslie,.....   | Harpersfield,.....                 |            |    |                              |                 |        |          |
| William Matthews,...    | Neshanock,.....                    |            |    | 5                            | 6               | 7      | 11       |

The Presbytery further report, that they have since their last report dismissed the Rev. Alexander Cook to connect himself with the Presbytery of Ohio, and that the Rev. William Wick was removed by death on the 29th of March 1815.

The Presbytery of Grand River report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of seven members, and have under their care 12 Congregations, viz :

| NAMES OF MINISTERS. | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.             | Commis-<br>ion-<br>er's Fund. | Added last y'r. | Total in Com. | Infants. |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------|
|                     |                                     | D.                            | C.              |               |          |
| Giles H. Cowles,... | Austenburgh and Morgan,.....        | 2                             |                 | 2 65          | 7        |
| Thomas Barr,.....   | Euclid,.....                        | 5                             | 5               | 4 37          | 11       |
| John Seward,.....   | Aurora,.....                        | 1                             | 50              | 2 64          | 13       |
| Hervey Coe,.....    | Vernon, Hartford, and Kinsman,..... |                               |                 |               |          |
| Wm. Hanford,.....   | Hudson,.....                        | 3                             |                 | 8 26          | 4        |

Joseph Badger, without a charge; Simon Woodruff, Tallmadge Church, not connected with the Presbytery.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Mantua, Nelson, Burton, Roatstown, Gravel Run, Sharon and Hampdon.

The Presbytery further report, that they have on the 17th of August last installed the Rev. William Hanford as Pastor in the congregation of Hudson.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except Rev. Allen Boyd, who had obtained leave of absence. After prayer the minutes of last session were read.

Rev. Ira Condit now appeared in the House, his reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

Messrs. Ephraim Harris and Benjamin Coc obtained leave of absence during the remainder of the sessions.

Upon enquiry it was found that the Presbytery of Ohio had complied with the injunction of the last Synod in relation to the case of Mr. William Caldwell.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio, Erie and Hartford, reported, and the respective records approved.

Whereas, the Synod of Philadelphia, has prepared a petition for the better observance of the Sabbath, to be presented to the next session of the Legislature of this State, and has requested the cooperation of this Synod in obtaining signatures to said petition, and whereas, this Synod is deeply impressed with the object stated in said petition, therefore,

Resolved, that a sufficient number of these petitions be forthwith printed, and that it be enjoined on each of the Presbyteries lying within the limits of this State, to have them circulated throughout their respective bounds for signatures, and forward early to the next sessions of the Legislature.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except Rev. Cyrus Riggs, who had leave of absence. After prayer, the minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Grand River, report that the records are correctly kept, and could cheerfully move the approbation of them, were it not that they conceive they have done some things, to which your committee thinks, they are incompetent. They appear very careful to promote good morals and piety; but we doubt of their power to make confessions of faith, distinct from the Confession of Faith, adopted by the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Perhaps however their circumstances may make it obvious, that what they have done, was both correct and necessary, and if they can make this appear to the Synod, we can cheerfully recommend the approbation of their records.

The Synod having heard the members of Grand River Presbytery, on the points alluded to in the above report, were satisfied with their explanations and approved the records.

The Treasurer of the Missionary Society reported to the Synod the state of the fund, and the Rev. Messrs. William Wylie and James Guthrie, were appointed to examine his accounts.

The Rev. John M'Pherrin and James Ewing, Elder, obtained leave of absence.

The Board of Trust for the Western Missionary Society, reported, and their report was accepted, and their conduct approved.

The Rev. Thomas Hughes, and William Courtney, Elder, obtained leave of absence during the remainder of the Sessions.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurers accounts, reported that they had examined them and found them correct. The balance in favour of the Society in the contingent fund, \$732,28, and in the permanent fund, \$572,40.

Resolved, That the Board of Trust be instructed to defer the establishment of a second school among the Seneca Indians, and endeavor to procure a missionary for one year.

The Presbytery of Hartford agreed to withdraw their reference to this Synod in the case of the Rev. Jonathan Leslie, whereupon he and his charge were detached from the Presbytery of Hartford, and annexed to the Presbytery of Grand River.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. After prayer, the minutes of the last session were read.

On motion, resolved, That the Synod proceed to the election of a Board of Trust, for the ensuing year. When the Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, Thomas Hunt, Elisha Macurdy, James Graham, Robert Patterson, and Michael Law, with the Elders, John M. Snowden, James Cooper, and Thomas Davis, were duly elected. To meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, at the House of the Rev. Francis Herron, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

An appeal from the judgment of the Presbytery of Ohio, in the case of George Hamilton, was taken up; Synod having heard the testimony, and the appellant at length, it was moved and seconded to affirm the judgment of the Presbytery: After some discussion of the subject, Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Synod resumed the unfinished business of last evening, and after mature consideration of the whole testimony relating to the case, unanimously agreed to affirm the judgment of the Presbytery of Ohio.

On motion, Resolved, That the Board of Trust be instructed to use their utmost efforts to obtain a suitable missionary to itinerate for one year, on the head waters of the Monongahela River.

Resolved, That it be enjoined on each of the Presbyteries within the bounds of this Synod, to supply the Pulpits of such ministers, as may be sent on missionary business.

The minutes being read. The Synod adjourned to meet at Washington, on the 1st Tuesday of Oct. next, at 12 o'clock.

Session of General Assembly. May 23d, 1816. Thus far approved.

JAMES BLYTHE, *Moderator*.

WASHINGTON Oct. 1st 1816

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. John Anderson, the Moderator of the last year, from Rom. 15: 1.

After prayer, it appeared that the following members were present, namely,

## MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. James Power, D. D., Samuel Porter, Francis Herron, Joseph Stockton, William Wylie, Thomas Hunt, William Johnston; with the Elder, Ebenezer Findley.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., Thomas Marquis, Samuel Ralston, Boyd Mercer, William Woods, George Scott, John Anderson, Matthew Brown, Andrew Gwin, Elisha Macurdy, Joseph Anderson, James Snodgrass, Alexander Cook, Cephas Dodd, Moses Allen, Abraham Scott, Joseph Stevenson, Andrew M'Donald, Thomas Clerch, Michael Law, Andrew Wylie and James Hervey; with the Elders, John Hare, Thomas Hays, William May, Ezra Stevens, James Morrow, Isaac Leonard William Wallace, James Brice, John Wylie, Thomas Byers, Wm. Brice, John Baird, William M'Cullouch and George Herriott.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Abraham Boyd, Robert Johnston, Cyrus Riggs, Reed Bracken, John Matthews, Robert M'Garrough, Ira Condit, John Reddick; with the Elders, William Neyman, Benjamin Coe and Robert Stockton.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford.—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, Clement Valandingham, Joshua Beer Jas. Wright, Jas. Satterfield; with the Elders, Steven Saxton and William Porter.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River,—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Barr, Jonathan Leslie, John Seward, Simeon Woodruff, Harvey Coe and William Hanford.

## MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. James Dunlap, D. D., Joseph Henderson, George Hill, William Swan, William Speer, Francis Laird, Robert Lee, Robert Patterson, James Graham, James Guthrie and James Galbraith.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson, William M'Millan and John Rhea.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. Amos Chase, Timothy Alden, Samuel Tait, William Woods and Johnston Eaton.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford,—The Rev. Messrs. Nathan B. Darrow, John Bruce, Robert Sample, Benjamin Boyd and William Matthews.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River,—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Giles H. Cowles and Luther Humphrey.

Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk. Rev. John M'Millan, D. D., was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Harvey Coe, Clerk.



Rev. Messrs. Wm. Wylie, Robert Johnston, Clement Valandigham, William Hanford, George Scott; with the Elders, Ebenezer Findley, James Brice and Benjamin Coe, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, in this place and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. James Power, D. D., Andrew Gwin, Boyd Mercer, James Snodgrass, Joseph Stevenson James Harvey, Alexander Cook, Cephas Dodd, Thomas Barr, Simeon Woodruff, Harvey Coe and James Satterfield, assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. Andrew Gwin and Robert Johnston, were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. William Wylie and Thomas Barr, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Stevenson and Moses Allen, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Marquis and Thomas E. Hughes, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie.

The Rev. Samuel Ralston and Andrew Wylie, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Grand River.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 2d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Robert Patterson and Luther Humphrey, with Robert Highland, Elder; appeared and took their seats. Their reasons for not attending sooner, were sustained.

On enquiry, it appeared that the Presbyteries, within the limits of this State, have generally attended to the injunction of this Synod, in obtaining and forwarding petitions to the Legislature of this State, relative to the better observance of the Sabbath.

The Presbytery of Ohio reported to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of 25 members, and have under their care, 45 Congregations and 3 Licentiates.

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.     | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.              | Missionary fund. |    | Commission-<br>er's Fund. | Added last y'r. | Total in Com. | Adults. | Infants. |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|----|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------|----------|
|                         |                                      | d.               | c. | d.                        |                 |               |         |          |
| John M'Millan, D. D.,   | Chartiers, .....                     |                  |    |                           | 26              | 217           | 3       | 15       |
| Joseph Patterson,...    | Racoon, .....                        |                  |    | 2                         | 14              | 180           |         | 20       |
| Thomas Marquis,...      | Cross creek, .....                   |                  |    | 4                         | 8               | 231           |         | 20       |
| Boyd Mercer, .....      | Without a charge, .....              |                  |    |                           |                 |               |         |          |
| Samuel Ralston, .....   | Mingo creek and Williamsport, .....  | 10               |    | 3 50                      | 14              | 189           | 12      | 62       |
| William Woods, .....    | Bethel and Lebanon, .....            |                  |    | 3                         | 16              | 216           | 2       | 42       |
| George Scott, .....     | Mill creek and Flatts, .....         |                  |    | 30                        | 21              | 170           | 3       | 39       |
| John Anderson, .....    | Buffalo, .....                       |                  |    |                           |                 |               |         |          |
| Andrew Gwin, .....      | Pigeon creek, .....                  |                  |    | 3                         | 18              | 243           | 2       | 24       |
| Matthew Brown, .....    | Washington, .....                    |                  |    |                           | 12              | 194           | 1       | 40       |
| Joseph Anderson, .....  | Richlands, .....                     |                  |    |                           | 9               | 136           | 2       | 10       |
| Elisha Macurdy, .....   | Cross Roads and Three Springs, ..... | 63               | 00 | 5 60                      | 28              | 335           | 3       | 44       |
| James Snodgrass, .....  | Steubenville and Island creek, ..... |                  |    |                           |                 |               |         |          |
| Alexander Cook, .....   | Bethany, .....                       |                  |    | 4 16                      | 16              | 45            | 2       | 22       |
| Cephas Dodd, .....      | Ten Mile, .....                      |                  |    |                           |                 |               |         |          |
| John Rhea, .....        | Beech Springs, .....                 |                  |    | 3 25                      | 33              | 222           |         | 51       |
| William M'Millan, ..... | Without a Charge, .....              |                  |    |                           |                 |               |         |          |
| Moses Allen, .....      | New Providence and Jefferson, .....  |                  |    |                           | 2               | 124           |         | 10       |
| Abraham Scott, .....    | Without a Charge, .....              |                  |    |                           |                 |               |         |          |
| Joseph Stevenson, ..... | Three Ridges, .....                  | 5                | 00 | 4                         | 11              | 112           | 3       | 27       |
| Andrew M'Donald, .....  | White oak Flats and Sewickly, .....  |                  |    |                           |                 |               |         |          |
| Thomas Clerch, .....    | Crab apple, .....                    |                  |    | 1 85                      | 26              | 145           |         | 30       |
| Michael Law, .....      | Montures Run, .....                  |                  |    | 5 00                      | 11              | 213           |         | 25       |
| Andrew Wylie, .....     | Miller's Run, .....                  | 2                | 50 | 2 00                      | 1               | 84            | 2       | 6        |
| James Harvey, .....     | Wheeling and West Liberty, .....     |                  |    | 3 00                      | 17              | 89            |         | 5        |
|                         |                                      | 80               | 50 | 46 90                     | 283             | 3135          | 35      | 538      |

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: Two Ridges and Richmond.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Centre, Short Creek, M'Mahon's creek, Wheeling Cross roads, Harmony, Concord, Waynesburgh, Sardis, Middletown, Clarksburgh, Hopewell and French creek.

Licentiates: John Reed, Thomas Hoge and Obadiah Jennings.

The Presbytery further report, that on the 17th of October, they dismissed Mr. James Wright, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Hartford. That on the 17th of April, they received after the usual trials, Mr. Thomas Hoge, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Tyrone, Ireland; On the same day, licensed Mr. Obadiah Jennings to preach the gospel; and that on the 19th of June, having received satisfactory proof of Mr. Mecaiah Fairfield, becomng a Unitarian in sentiment, they withdrew from him the license he received from them and declared him no longer a member of the Presbyterian Church, until he give evidence of his having re-traced the damnable heresy, into which by the delusion of Satan, he had fallen.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presby-

teries of Ohio, Erie, Hartford and Grand River reported, and their respective records approved.

The Presbytery of Hartford report, that they consist of 9 members, and have under their care 25 Congregations.

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.      | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.        | Com. s Fund. |    | Education. |    | Miss. Fund. |    | Added last y'r. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|----|------------|----|-------------|----|-----------------|--------|---------|----------|
|                          |                                | D.           | C. | D.         | C. | D.          | C. |                 |        |         |          |
| Thomas E. Hughs,....     | Mount Pleasant,.....           | 4            | 33 |            |    | 8           |    | 140             |        | 29      |          |
| James Satterfield,....   | Hubbard and Moorfield,.....    | 2            | 61 | 5          | 92 | 4           | 62 | 8               | 97     | 9       |          |
| Clm't. Valandingham,.... | New Lisbon and Long Run.....   | 13           | 33 | 10         | 00 | 9           | 20 | 30              | 201    | 3       | 38       |
| Robert Sample,.....      | New Castle and Slippery Rock,. | 4            | 56 |            |    |             |    | 14              | 132    |         | 15       |
| James Wright,.....       | Poland and Westfield,.....     | 3            | 00 |            |    |             |    |                 |        |         |          |

N. B. Darrow, Joshua Beer, Benjamin Boyd, without Pastoral charges; John Bruce p. Cold Springs.

Vacant Congregations not able to support a Pastor: Neshanock, Beaver town, New Salem, Warren Newton, Hopewell and Youngstown, Canfield, Boadman, Scotch Settlement, Elsworth, Upper Salem, Vienna, Springfield, Canton and Brookfield.

The Presbytery further report, that they have since their last report, dismissed the Rev. William Matthews, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Lancaster. That they have received, Mr. James Wright, a licentiate, from the Presbytery of Ohio; have ordained and installed him as the Pastor of the Congregation of Poland and Westfield.

The Presbytery of Erie report, to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of 14 members and have under their care 39 Congregations, viz:

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.   | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.                    | Com. s Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------|----|------------------|--------|---------|----------|
|                       |                                            | D.           | C. |                  |        |         |          |
| John M'Pherrin,...    | Butler and Concord,.....                   |              |    | 7                | 95     |         | 12       |
| Amos Chase,.....      | Without a Charge,.....                     |              |    |                  |        |         |          |
| Timothy Alden,....    | Without a Charge,.....                     |              |    |                  |        |         |          |
| Samuel Tait,.....     | Mercer and Salem,.....                     |              |    | 15               | 170    |         | 20       |
| William Woods,...     | Plain Grove,.....                          |              |    |                  |        |         |          |
| Abraham Boyd,....     | Middlesex and Bull Creek,.....             | 3            |    | 6                | 81     |         | 13       |
| Robert Johnston,...   | Meadville, Sugar Creek and Conneaut Lake,. | 6            | 60 | 20               | 191    |         | 11       |
| Robert M'Garrough,... | New Rehoboth and Licking,.....             | 3            |    | 38               | 168    | 3       | 34       |
| Cyrus Riggs,.....     | Scrubgrass and West Unity,.....            | 3            |    | 5                | 122    |         | 10       |
| Reed Brecken,.....    | Mt. Nebo and Plain,.....                   |              |    | 7                | 45     |         | 9        |
| John Matthews,....    | Waterford and West Union,.....             | 3            |    | 10               | 31     | 1       | 19       |
| Jonston Eaton,....    | Fairview, Erie and North East,.....        | 6            |    | 7                | 78     |         | 9        |
| Ira Condit,.....      | Fairfield, Big Sugar Creek and Unity,..... |              |    | 6                | 71     |         | 7        |
| John Reddick .....    | Slate Lick and Union,.....                 |              |    |                  |        |         |          |

The following congregations are vacant, and unable to support a Pastor, viz: Gravel Run, Middlebrook, Chataque Cross Roads, Warren, Beech Woods, Broken-straw, Oil creek, Franklin, Bear creek, Sandy Lick, Concord, Deer Creek and Richland.

The Presbytery further report, that they have on the 2d day of April last, received the Rev. Timothy Alden, from the Presbytery of Jersey, as a member of this Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Presbytery of Grand River report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 9 members, and have under their care 17 congregations, viz:

| NAMES OF MINISTERS. | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.      | Com.'s Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. |
|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------|----|------------------|--------|---------|----------|
|                     |                              | d.           | c. |                  |        |         |          |
| Joseph Badger,...   | Without a Charge,.....       | 4            | 00 |                  |        |         |          |
| Giles H. Cowles,... | Austinburgh and Morgan,..... | 4            | 50 | 8                | 71     |         | 13       |
| Jonathan Leslie,... | Harpersfield,.....           | 6            | 00 | 4                | 33     |         | 7        |
| Thomas Barr,.....   | Euclid,.....                 | 4            | 00 | 4                | 40     | 1       | 5        |
| John Seward,.....   | Aurora,.....                 | 4            | 50 | 5                | 67     | 1       | 8        |
| Simeon Woodruff,... | Talmadge,.....               | 3            | 00 |                  |        |         |          |
| Harvey Coe,.....    | Vernon,.....                 | 11           | 00 | 21               | 62     |         | 22       |
| William Hanford,... | Hudson,.....                 | 8            | 20 | 7                | 33     |         | 6        |
| Luther Humphrey,... | Benton,.....                 | 1            | 00 | 7                | 25     |         | 6        |
| .....               | Painesville,.....            | 3            | 00 | 10               | 28     | 2       | 10       |
| .....               | Mantua,.....                 |              |    | 1                | 20     |         | 4        |
| .....               | Nelson,.....                 |              |    | 9                | 21     |         | 10       |
| .....               | Sharon,.....                 | 1            | 25 |                  |        |         |          |
| .....               | Johnston,.....               | 1            | 00 |                  |        |         |          |
|                     |                              | 51           | 45 | 77               | 400    | 4       | 91       |

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Painesville, Mantua, Dover, Nelson, Madison, Sharon, Greene, Rooktown, Johnston, and Hampton.

Licentiate: Alvin Coe.

The Presbytery further report, that on the 25th of October, 1815, they admitted the Rev. Luther Humphrey, a missionary from the Missionary Society of Connecticut, as a member, and installed him pastor of the congregations of Burton and Canton—and on the 11th of June, 1816, they licensed Alvin Coe to preach the gospel.

An application was made by the Presbytery of Grand River for advice and direction in the case of the Rev James Duncan, lately a member of the Associate Presbytery of Ohio, and now applying to join the Presbytery of Grand River. The application embraced the following question:

Is it constitutional for a Presbytery to receive a minister of a different denomination, who has declined by a regular declinature the authority of the Ecclesiastical body to which he belonged, notwithstanding he may have been deposed by that body; provided, the Presbytery have satisfactory evidence that he is sound in the faith,

moral in his conduct, and that there was not sufficient ground for his being deposed?

A number of letters and other documents relative to his application being read and laid on the table—it was, on motion, resolved that said application, with all the documents relative to the case, be committed to a committee, who shall report as soon as convenient.

Rev. Messrs. Matthew Brown, Thomas Marquis, Samuel Ralston, Thomas E. Hughes and Joseph Stevenson were appointed a committee for the above business.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported to the Synod. On motion, Resolved, That the report be returned to the stated Clerk of the Presbytery, with instructions to have it made more complete, and given to the stated Clerk of the Synod before the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### THURSDAY MORNING, Oct. 3d, 9 o'clock.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except Rev. William Woods, Rev. Cephas Dodd, and Ezra Stevens, Elder, who obtained leave of absence on last evening, for the remainder of the sessions.

After prayer, the minutes of the last session were read.

Dr. James Power and Rev. John Reddick obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

A resolution was brought forward by the committee of Bills and Overtures, in the following words, viz:

The excessive use of ardent spirits produces sickness, poverty and wretchedness; it destroys health and reputation; introduces discord into families and larger communities; it enervates the strong and changes many of the wise into idiots; it threatens to sweep our land as with the besom of destruction, and calls loudly on all the friends of religion, order, science and humanity to exert their influence in checking an evil, so alarming in its progress and so various in its effects.

Therefore, the Synod of Pittsburgh, resolved that ardent spirits ought never to be used, except as a medicine—that the free and common use of them at the raising of buildings, military musters, weddings and other public and social occasions, is unnecessary and pernicious—that the custom of making them a part of the entertainments at social visits is one of those fashions of the world to which christians ought not to conform—that the habitual use of ardent spirits in families and by laborers is training up thousands for poverty, disgrace, the prison, the gallows, and eternal misery.

The Synod, therefore, recommend to all the ministers and professors of religion within their bounds to abstain from the unnecessary use of ardent spirits, and to endeavor both by precept and example to check the progress of this growing and destructive vice.

Resolved, That the permanent Clerk take measures to supply the Editors of all the newspapers published within the limits of this Syn-

od, with the above preamble and resolution, and request them to publish them in their papers.

Resolved, That the above resolution be read by the different ministers of this Synod to their respective charges, and have it circulated as extensively as possible.

On last evening a missionary sermon was delivered by the Rev. Andrew Wylie, on Rom. 10: 13—15, and a collection was taken up for the Missionary Fund amounting to one hundred and eleven dollars and forty-seven cents.

The committee to which the application for advice, from the Presbytery of Grand River, was referred, reported, and is as follows, viz:

The committee having examined all the documents which they could obtain in Mr. Duncan's case, and after mature deliberation on the subject, recommend to the Synod to answer the query submitted by the Presbytery of Grand River in the following resolutions:

1. That it is not unconstitutional for a Presbytery to receive a member in the circumstances stated in the question submitted. But inasmuch as the Grand River Presbytery, through their Moderator, requested that this question should be answered relatively to Mr. Duncan's case—therefore,

2. Resolved, That this Synod have not satisfactory evidence that the Ecclesiastical body to which Mr. Duncan formerly belonged have deposed him without ground. And whereas, it appears from the documents submitted, that Mr. Duncan had handed in his declinature to an inferior Judicature of the Church, from whose decision he might have appealed to the superior, agreeably to the Presbyterian form of Church Government. Therefore,

3. Resolved, That this Synod recommend it to the Presbytery of Grand River, to advise Mr. Duncan to return to the Associate Synod of North America, where he may possibly have his difficulties settled.

On motion, resolved that the above report be adopted and an attested copy be given to the said Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except the Rev. William Johnston, who had leave of absence, during the remainder of the sessions.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Resolved, That it be enjoined on each of the Presbyteries within the limits of this Synod to exhibit a written narrative of the state of religion within their respective bounds.

The Board of Trust for the Western Missionary Society reported, and their report was accepted, and their conduct approved.

The Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society reported to the Synod the state of the Funds; and the Rev. Joseph Stevenson and Clement Valandingham were appointed a committee to examine his accounts.

On motion, Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be presented to the Female Benevolent Society of Cross Roads and Three Springs, for their liberal donations to the permanent Fund of the Western Missionary Society.

On enquiry, it was found that a number of the members of this Synod, have not attended to the injunction of the last Synod, in procuring Funds for aiding the efforts of the Missionary Society; whereupon it was ordered that the injunction of the last Synod be renewed, and that all the members of this Synod attend diligently to procure Funds for the Society.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, report that they have examined them and found them correct. The balance in favor of the Society, in the contingent Fund, is \$650,57 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and in the permanent Fund, \$717,40.

On motion, Resolved, That all moneys accruing from the sales of the property at Sandusky heretofore, as well as hereafter, be transferred to the Permanent Fund.

On motion, Resolved, That the Synod proceed to the election of a Board of Trust for the ensuing year; when the Rev. Messrs. Elisha Macurdy, Francis Herron, Thomas Hunt, Robert Patterson, Joseph Stockton and Michael Law, with the Elders John M. Snowden, Thos. Davis and Robert Highlands, were duly elected—to meet to-morrow morning at the house of Mr. Jennings at 7 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Ordered, that the Treasurer of the contingent Fund be directed to pay the sum of four dollars to the Permanent Clerk of this Synod.

The Presbytery of Redstone report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 17 members, and have under their care 27 congregations.

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.  | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.                 | Missionary Fund. |    | Commissioner's Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total in Com. | Adults. | Infants. |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|----|----------------------|----|------------------|---------------|---------|----------|
|                      |                                         | D.               | C. | D.                   | C. |                  |               |         |          |
| James Power, D. D.   | Mount Pleasant,.....                    | 15               |    | 3                    | 62 |                  |               |         |          |
| Joseph Henderson,... | Bethel and Ebenezer,.....               | 22               |    |                      |    |                  |               |         |          |
| Samuel Porter,.....  | Congruity,.....                         |                  |    | 1                    | 50 |                  |               |         |          |
| George Hill,.....    | Fairfield and Donegal,.....             |                  |    | 6                    |    |                  |               |         |          |
| William Swan,....    | Sewickly and Long Run,.....             |                  |    | 8                    | 25 | 8                | 133           | 18      |          |
| William Speer,....   | Greensburg and Unity,.....              |                  |    |                      |    | 18               | 169           | 2       | 36       |
| Francis Laird,....   | Poke Run and Plumb Creek,.....          | 25               | 16 |                      |    |                  |               |         |          |
| Francis Herron,...   | 1st Congregation, Pittsburgh,.....      | 77               | 25 | 40                   |    | 5                | 120           | 12      |          |
| Joseph Stockton,...  | Stated supply at Allegheny & Pine Creek |                  |    |                      |    |                  |               |         |          |
| Robert Lee,.....     | Salem,.....                             |                  |    | 4                    |    | 6                | 133           | 1       | 19       |
| William Wylie,....   | Without a Charge,.....                  |                  |    |                      |    |                  |               |         |          |
| Robert Patterson,... | Highlands,.....                         |                  |    |                      |    |                  |               |         |          |
| James Graham,....    | Beulah,.....                            |                  |    |                      |    |                  |               |         |          |
| James Guthrie,....   | Laurel Hill,.....                       |                  |    | 3                    | 8  | 5                | 193           |         | 19       |
| Thomas Hunt,....     | 2d Congregation, Pittsburgh,.....       |                  |    | 20                   |    | 9                | 87            | 3       | 19       |
| William Johnston,... | Dunlap's Creek and Brownsville,.....    |                  |    | 14                   | 90 | 18               | 112           | 2       | 30       |
| Vacant and able....  | Rehoboth and Round Hill,.....           |                  |    | 5                    |    |                  |               |         |          |
|                      |                                         | 132              | 81 | 610                  | 52 | 107              | 183           | 8       | 76       |

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Tygart's Valley, Union, Sandy creek, Somerset, Crossings, Turkey-foot, Glade run, Kittanning, Wheatfield and Cherry run.

The Presbytery further report, that on the 17th April they have dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. Wylie and the congregations of Reboboth and Round Hill, and upon the same day they also dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. James Galbraith and the congregation of Gilgal, and dismissed him with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Huntingdon.

They further report that the Rev. James Dunlap applied by letter to be dismissed from this Presbytery in order to connect himself with the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and was accordingly dismissed on the 17th October, 1816.

Adjourned to meet at the 1st Presbyterian Church of the City of Pittsburgh, on the first Tuesday of October, 1817, at 12 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Approved by the General Assembly this 24th May, 1817, at Philadelphia.

Attest:

JONAS COE, *Moderator.*

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PITTSBURGH, October 7th, 1817.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Harvey Coc—from 1 Jos. 3: 18—the Moderator of the last year being absent.

After prayer, it appeared that the following members were present, viz:

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Messrs. Wm. Swan, William Speer, Francis Laird, Francis Herron, Joseph Stockton, Robert Lee, Robert Patterson, James Graham and Thomas Hunt, with the Elders Adam Coon, Jas. Cooper, Charles Carothers, Thos. Davis and John Johnston.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson, Samuel Ralston, William Woods, Matthew Brown, Joseph Anderson, Alex. Cook, Wm. M'Millan, Moses Allen, Andrew M'Donald, Thos. Clerch Andrew Wylie, Jas. Harvey, Thos. Hoge and Obadiah Jennings, with the Elders Hugh Wylie and Thomas Marquis.

Of the Presbytery of Erie—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Amos Chase, Robert Johnston, Cyrus Riggs, William Woods and Johnston Eaton, with the Elders Jonathan Adams and James Macurdy.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E.



Hughes, James Satterfield, Clement Valandingham, Joshua Beer, James Wright, Robert Sample and John Coe, Elders George Dilworth and William Porter.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River—The Rev. Messrs. John Seward, Harvey Coe and Joseph Treat.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Messrs. James Power, D. D., James Dunlap, D. D., Joseph Henderson, Samuel Porter, George Hill, William Wylie, James Guthrie and William Johnston.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, Thomas Marquis, Boyd Mercer, George Scott, John Anderson, Andrew Gwin, Joseph Stevenson and Michael Law.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford—the Rev. Messrs. Nathan B. Darrow, John Bruce and Benjamin Boyd.

Of the Presbytery of Erie—The Rev. Messrs. Timothy Alden, Samuel Tate, Abraham Boyd, Robert M'Garrough, Reed Brecken, John Matthews, Ira Condit and John Reddick.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Giles H. Cowles, Jonathan Leslie, Thomas Barr, Simeon Woodruff, Wm. Hanford and Luther Humphrey.

The Rev. Joseph W. Curtis, a missionary from the Hampshire Missionary Society, being present, was invited and took his seat as a corresponding member.

Synod proceed to the choice of Moderator and Clerk—the Rev. Matthew Brown was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. John Seward Clerk.

The Rev. Messrs. William Swan, Alexander Cook, Cyrus Riggs, Thomas E. Hughes and Harvey Coe, with the Elders James Cooper, Hugh Wylie and William Porter were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock in this place, and afterward on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. William Swan, William Speer, Francis Laird, James Graham, Robert Lee, Joseph Patterson, William M'Millan, Amos Chase, William Woods, Johnsten Eaton and Robert Sample assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock    Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Oct. 8th, 1817.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session, and likewise of the former sessions of Synod, were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Elisha Macurdy, George Scott, Michael Law, John Rhea, Abraham Scott and John Anderson appeared and took their seats—their reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

Messrs. John Duncan, William Moore, John Thompson, Allen Means and John Flax, Elders, appeared and took their seats.

The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Ralston and John M'Pherrin were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Messrs. Robert Johnston and Clement Valandingham to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. Messrs. Harvey Coe and James Harvey to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie.

The Rev. Messrs. James Graham and William M'Millan to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hoge and George Scott to examine the records of the Presbytery of Grand River.

On motion, Resolved, That the resolution of the Synod of the last year, relative to the use of ardent spirits, be read from the pulpits of the respective ministers of this Synod, accompanied with a sermon on the above subject.

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Robert Johnston, Andrew Wylie and Obadiah Jennings be a committee to prepare a prefatory address to the public on the above subject.

Presbyterial reports being called for, the following were received, namely:

The Presbytery of Redstone report to the Synod that they consist of 16 members, and have under their care 23 congregations, and 1 candidate, viz:

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.  | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.               | Miss. Fund. |    | Com.'s Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total in Com. |     | Aunties. | Infants. |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|----|--------------|----|------------------|---------------|-----|----------|----------|
|                      |                                       | D.          | C. | D.           | C. |                  |               |     |          |          |
| James Power, D. D.,  | Without a Charge,.....                |             |    |              | 3  | 67               |               |     |          |          |
| Samuel Porter,....   | Congruity,.....                       |             |    |              |    |                  |               |     |          |          |
| Joseph Henderson,... | Ebenezer and Bethel,.....             |             |    |              | 3  |                  |               |     |          |          |
| George Hill,.....    | Fairfield and Donegal,.....           |             |    |              |    |                  |               |     |          |          |
| William Swan,....    | Sewickly and Long Run,.....           |             |    |              |    |                  | 13            | 137 | 2        | 16       |
| Wm. Speer,.....      | Greensburg and Unity,.....            | 29          | 6  | 7            |    |                  | 15            | 199 |          | 12       |
| Francis Laird,.....  | Plumb Creek and Poke Run,.....        | 3           |    |              |    |                  |               |     |          |          |
| Francis Herron,....  | 1st Church of Pittsburgh,.....        | 77          | 25 | 30           | 18 | 5                | 125           |     | 12       |          |
| Robert Lee,.....     | Salem,.....                           |             |    |              | 6  | 64               | 6             | 133 | 1        | 19       |
| Joseph Stockton,.... | Without a Charge,.....                |             |    |              |    |                  |               |     |          |          |
| William Wylie,....   | Without a Charge,.....                |             |    |              |    |                  |               |     |          |          |
| Robert Patterson,... | Highlands,.....                       |             |    |              |    |                  |               |     |          |          |
| James Graham,.....   | Benlah,.....                          |             |    |              | 6  |                  |               |     |          |          |
| James Guthrie,....   | Laurel Hill and Tyrone,.....          |             |    |              | 8  | 20               | 5             | 193 |          | 19       |
| Thomas Hunt,.....    | 2d Church, Pittsburgh,.....           | 15          | 66 |              |    |                  | 8             | 95  | 6        | 20       |
| William Johnston,... | Dunlap's Creek, and Brownsville,..... |             |    |              | 16 |                  | 18            | 112 | 2        | 20       |

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: Mount Pleasant, Round Hill and Rehoboth.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Tygart's Valley, Union, Sandy creek, Somerset, Crossings, Turkey-foot, Glade run, Wheatfield, and Cherry run. Candidate, Coe.

The Presbytery further report, that they have on the 15th of April last dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. James Power, D. D., to the congregation of Mount Pleasant, in consequence of

age and infirmity—and also, that they have on the 16th of October last dismissed the Rev. James Dunlap, D. D., in order to connect himself with the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

The Presbytery of Ohio report to the Synod that they consist of 27 members, and have under their care 38 congregations, and 1 candidate.

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.     | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.           | Missionary Fund. |    | Commissioner's Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total in Com. h. | Adults. | Infants. |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----|----------------------|----|------------------|------------------|---------|----------|
|                         |                                   | D.               | C. | D.                   | C. |                  |                  |         |          |
| John M'Millan, D. D.,   | Chartier's, .....                 | 28               | 39 | 6                    | 25 | 18               | 233              | 7       | 19       |
| Joseph Patterson, ..... | Without a Charge, .....           |                  |    |                      |    |                  |                  |         |          |
| Thomas Marquis, .....   | Cross Creek, .....                | 75               | 50 | 4                    | 37 | 8                | 227              |         | 37       |
| Boyd Mercer, .....      | Without a Charge, .....           |                  |    |                      |    |                  |                  |         |          |
| Samuel Ralston, .....   | Mingo Creek, .....                |                  |    |                      |    |                  |                  |         |          |
| William Woods, .....    | Bethel and Lebanon, .....         | 45               | 93 | 4                    | 15 | 15               | 222              | 1       | 19       |
| George Scott, .....     | Mill Creek and Flats, .....       | 6                | 33 | 4                    |    | 21               | 189              | 3       | 19       |
| John Anderson, .....    | Upper Buffalo, .....              | 105              |    | 5                    |    |                  | 238              |         |          |
| Matthew Brown, .....    | Washington, .....                 |                  |    | 5                    |    | 9                | 197              | 2       | 37       |
| Joseph Anderson, .....  | Richlands, .....                  | 26               | 94 | 4                    |    |                  | 154              |         | 2        |
| Elisha Macurdy, .....   | Cross Roads and Three Springs, .. | 76               | 37 | 6                    | 41 | 15               | 342              | 4       | 21       |
| James Snodgrass, .....  | Without a Charge, .....           |                  |    |                      |    |                  |                  |         |          |
| Alexander Cook, .....   | Bethany, .....                    |                  |    | 3                    | 34 | 19               | 71               | 1       | 6        |
| Cephas Dodd, .....      | Without a Charge, .....           |                  |    |                      |    |                  |                  |         |          |
| John Rhea, .....        | Beech Springs, .....              |                  |    | 3                    |    | 33               | 239              | 3       | 33       |
| William M'Millan, ..... | Without a Charge, .....           |                  |    |                      |    |                  |                  |         |          |
| Moses Allen, .....      | Raccoon, .....                    |                  |    | 4                    |    | 16               | 174              | 1       | 29       |
| Abraham Scott, .....    | Without a Charge, .....           |                  |    |                      |    |                  |                  |         |          |
| Joseph Stevenson, ..... | Three Ridges, .....               | 68               |    | 2                    |    | 14               | 116              | 1       | 22       |
| Andrew M'Donald, .....  | Flats and Sewickly, .....         |                  | 50 | 2                    | 32 | 22               | 103              |         | 26       |
| Thomas Clark, .....     | Crab Apple and Nottingham, .....  | 32               | 00 | 5                    | 18 | 8                | 141              |         | 19       |
| Michael Law, .....      | Montieur's Run, .....             | 20               | 00 | 3                    |    | 11               | 215              | 1       | 31       |
| Andrew Wylie, .....     | Without a Charge, .....           |                  |    |                      |    |                  |                  |         |          |
| James Hervey, .....     | Forks of Wheeling, .....          | 66               | 00 | 4                    |    | 19               | 107              | 2       | 26       |
| .....                   | Miller's Run, .....               |                  |    | 2                    | 00 | 13               | 93               | 2       | 28       |
|                         |                                   | 550              | 97 | 68                   | 04 | 200              | 3041             | 28      | 274      |

Lyman Potter, without a charge; Thomas Hoge, without a charge; Obadiah Jennings, pastor Steubenville.

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: Pigeon creek, New Providence and Jefferson, united; Upper and Lower Ten-miles, united; West Liberty and Lower Buffalo, united.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Centre, Two Ridges, Yellow creek, French creek, &c.

Candidate: Archibald Hannah.

The Presbytery further report, that they have on the 15th of Oct., 1816, dissolved the pastoral relation between Joseph Patterson and the congregation of Raccoon—on the 16th of the same month they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Moses Allen and the congregations of New Providence and Jefferson—and on the same day between the Rev. James Snodgrass and the congregations of Steubenville and Island creek—on the 16th of April, 1817, between the Rev. Cephas Dodd and the congregations of Upper and Lower Ten-miles—on the same day between the Rev. Andrew Gwin

and the congregation of Pigeon creek—and on the 28th day of May between Andrew Wylie and the congregation of Miller's run.

The Presbytery further report, that they have on the 21st day of January, 1817, ordained Thomas Hoge to the holy office of the gospel ministry, *sine titulo*—and on the 25th of June they also ordained Obadiah Jennings, and installed him as pastor of the congregation of Steubenville—and that they have also on the 27th of May installed the Rev. Moses Allen pastor of the congregation of Raccoon; and on the 25th August the Rev. Andrew M'Donald pastor of the congregation of Flaherty's run; that they have on the 7th of January, 1817, received the Rev. Lyman Potter, formerly a member of the Muskingum Association, as a member of this Presbytery—and that they have on the 8th of May, 1817, deposed Andrew Gwin from the gospel ministry.

The Presbytery of Erie report to the Synod, that they consist of 12 members, and have under their care 41 congregations and 1 licentiate, viz:

| MINISTERS' NAMES.   | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.                   | Miss. Fund. |    | Com.'s Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|----|--------------|----|------------------|--------|---------|----------|
|                     |                                           | D.          | C. | D.           | C. |                  |        |         |          |
| John M'Pherrin,...  | Butler and Concord,.....                  | 4           |    | 3            |    | 1                | 5      |         | 3        |
| Amos Chase,.....    | Without a Charge,.....                    |             |    |              |    |                  |        |         |          |
| Timothy Alden,...   | Without a Charge.....                     |             |    |              |    |                  |        |         |          |
| Samuel Tait,.....   | Mercer and Salem,.....                    |             |    | 3            |    | 18               | 186    |         | 15       |
| Abraham Boyd,...    | Bull Creek,.....                          | 10          | 52 |              |    | 4                | 57     |         | 14       |
| Robert Johnston,... | Without a Charge,.....                    |             |    |              |    |                  |        |         |          |
| Robt. M'Garrough,   | Licking, New Rehoboth and Concord,...     | 4           | 25 | 3            |    | 11               | 136    |         | 22       |
| Cyrus Riggs,.....   | Scrubgrass and West Unity,.....           | 6           | 17 | 4            | 27 | 3                | 122    |         | 12       |
| Johnston Eaton,...  | Fairview, Erie and North East,.....       | 3           |    |              |    |                  |        |         |          |
| Reed Bracken,...    | Nebo and Plain,.....                      | 3           |    |              |    | 5                | 50     |         | 5        |
| Ira Condit,.....    | Fairfield, Big Sugar Creek and Amity,...  |             |    | 3            |    | 15               | 80     |         | 430      |
| John Reddick,....   | Slate Lick and Union,.....                |             |    | 3            |    | 15               | 80     |         | 430      |
| Vacant and able,... | Meadville, Sugar Creek and Conneaut lake, |             |    | 6            |    | 24               | 209    |         | 27       |

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Conneaut and Waterford, Plain Grove and Centre, Gravel run, Upper Union, Middle Brook, Chetauque Cross Roads, Warren, Beech Woods, Broken Straw, Oil creek, Franklin, Bear creek, Richland, Sandy Lick, Deer creek, Middletown.

Licentiate: John Munson.

The Presbytery further report, that they have on 7th day of Oct. dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. William Woods to the congregation of Plain Grove, and on the 1st day of April dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Hartford—that they have on the 2d day of April dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. John Matthews to the congregation of Waterford—and also on the same day dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Robert Johnston to the congregations of Meadville, Sugar creek and Conneaut Lake—and on the 24th June have received Mr. John Munson from the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Presbytery of Hartford report to the Synod that they consist of 10 ministers, and have under their care 21 congregations.

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.     | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.                 | Commission-<br>er's Fund. | Added last year. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------|---------|----------|
|                         |                                         | D. C.                     | D. C.            | D. C.  | D. C.   | D. C.    |
| Thomas E. Hughes,...    | Mount Pleasant,.....                    | 2                         | 76               | 11     | 144     | 125      |
| James Satterfield,...   | Moorfield and Hubbert,.....             | 3                         | 56               | 14     | 107     | 9        |
| Chm't. Valandingham,... | New Lisbon,.....                        | 6                         | 36               | 10     | 188     | 9        |
| N. B. Darrow,.....      | Without a charge,.....                  |                           |                  |        |         |          |
| Joshua Beer,.....       | Without a charge,.....                  |                           |                  |        |         |          |
| Robert Semple,.....     | New Castle and Slippery Rock,.....      | 3                         | 37               | 12     | 134     | 233      |
| Benjamin Boyd,.....     | Without a charge,.....                  |                           |                  |        |         |          |
| James Wright,.....      | Westfield and Poland,.....              |                           |                  |        |         |          |
| William Woods,.....     | Neshanock and Hopewell,.....            |                           |                  |        |         |          |
| John Core,.....         | Youngstown, Vienna and Brookfield,..... |                           |                  |        |         |          |

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor : Long's run, Beaver town, New Salem, Warren, Newtown, Canfield, Boadman, Scotch Settlement, Springfield, Canton, Elsworth, Upper Salem.

They further report that they have on the 14th Jan, 1817, dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Clement Valandingham to the congregation of Long's run—that they have received the Rev. William Woods from the Presbytery of Erie—and that they have ordained and installed the Rev. John Core the pastor of the united congregations of Youngstown, Vienna and Brookfield.

The Presbytery of Grand River report to the Synod that the consist of twelve members, and have under their care twenty-two congregations, viz:

| MINISTERS' NAMES    | CONGREGATIONS.                         | Education Fund. | Commission-<br>er's Fund. | Added last year. | Total in Com. | Adults. | Infants. |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------|----------|
|                     |                                        | D. C.           | D. C.                     | D. C.            | D. C.         | D. C.   | D. C.    |
| Joseph Badger,...   | Without a Charge,.....                 |                 |                           |                  |               |         |          |
| Giles H. Cowles,... | Austenbergh and Morgan,.....           |                 | 10                        | 41               | 77            | 144     | 25       |
| Jonathan Leslie,... | Harpersfield,.....                     |                 |                           |                  | 10            | 40      | 2        |
| Thomas Barr,...     | Euclid,.....                           | 13              | 25                        | 3                | 5             | 44      | 8        |
| Caleb Pitkin,...    | Charlestown,.....                      |                 |                           |                  |               |         |          |
| John Seward,...     | Aurora,.....                           |                 | 2                         | 10               | 10            | 78      | 1        |
| Simeon Woodruff,... | Talmadge, not connected with Presby... |                 |                           |                  |               |         |          |
| Harvey Coc,...      | Vernon,.....                           |                 |                           |                  | 37            | 99      | 3        |
| William Hanford,... | Hudson,.....                           | 17              | 65                        | 2                | 50            | 5       | 31       |
| Luther Humphrey,... | Burton,.....                           |                 |                           |                  | 25            | 45      | 7        |
| Joseph Treat,...    | Sharon,.....                           |                 |                           |                  | 8             | 19      | 5        |
| Alvan Coe,...       | Without a Charge,.....                 |                 |                           |                  |               |         |          |
| .....               | Mantua,.....                           |                 | 1                         | 75               |               |         |          |
| .....               | Nelson,.....                           |                 |                           |                  | 6             | 27      | 6        |
| .....               | Painville,.....                        |                 | 3                         |                  | 2             | 30      |          |
| .....               | Hamden,.....                           |                 |                           |                  |               |         |          |
| .....               | Johnstown,.....                        |                 | 1                         |                  | 4             | 8       | 3        |
| .....               | Madison,.....                          |                 |                           |                  | 5             | 15      | 5        |
| .....               | Bricksville,.....                      |                 | 1                         |                  | 6             | 19      | 1        |
|                     |                                        | 36              | 90                        | 34               | 37            | 202     | 599      |
|                     |                                        |                 |                           |                  |               | 35      | 161      |

Vacant congregations: Williamsfield, Rootstown, Dover, Kingsville, Ashtabula, Beuville, Bristol, Bloomfield, Wheatsborough.

The Grand River Presbytery further report, that on the 11th of February, 1817, they licensed Alvan Coe to preach the gospel for the term of four years—that at the request of the Connecticut Missionary Society, on the 10th of June they ordained Alvan Coe as an Evangelist and admitted him as a member of Presbytery—that on the 19th August they admitted the Rev. Joseph Treat as a member of Presbytery—that on the 24th September they installed the Rev. Joseph Treat over the church in Sharon—and that on the 23d of September they received the Rev. Caleb Pitkin from the Association of the Western District of New Haven.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., Robert M'Garrough and Cephas Dodd appeared and took their seats; their reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

Messrs. John Neal, William Smith, Benjamin Williams and John Duncan, Elders, appeared and took their seats.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio, Erie, Hartford and Grand River reported, and the records were approved.

The committee appointed to prepare a prefatory address to the public on the use of ardent spirits, reported—which report was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Whereas, the Synod of Pittsburgh cannot but view the use of ardent spirits, except as a medicine, as a source of multiplied evils—injurious to the temporal and eternal interests of individuals, and subversive of the peace and happiness of families and of society in general. And whereas, notwithstanding all past efforts to check the progress of this destructive vice, there still exists cause to lament its prevalence; therefore the Synod, encouraged by the approbation with which the General Assembly, and the religious public at large, have been pleased to notice their former resolutions on this subject, and sensible of the obligations to employ all their endeavors to guard the public morals against the increasing danger, with which they continue to be threatened by this insidious enemy; Therefore,

Resolved, That the permanent Clerk attend to the printing of the above resolution.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

OCT. 9th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Ralston and John Anderson were ap-

pointed a committee to receive the written narratives of the state of religion from the several Presbyteries within the bounds of this Synod, and prepare a condensed statement of the whole.

On last evening a missionary sermon was delivered by the Rev. Robert Johnston, from Isa. 11: 9, and a collection was taken up for the missionary fund amounting to \$73,00.

A reference from the Presbytery of Erie, respecting an application for advice to the congregation of Waterford, was overtured in the following words, viz:

"The Church of Waterford desire advice from the Presbytery of Erie, in case of a woman married to her mother's sister's husband, who had applied for admission into the communion of the church.

On motion, Resolved, That the above case be referred to the Synod, at their next meeting.

An appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Ohio, in the case of the Rev. Andrew Gwin, was brought before the Synod. The appellant being present, Synod proceeded to the consideration of the appeal; and after hearing the testimony contained in the records of the Presbytery of Ohio, it was, on motion, resolved to postpone the further consideration of the appeal till the afternoon.

The following enquiry was overtured by the committee of Bills and Overtures, viz:

What is the duty of a Church Session in relation to those church members, who attend balls and other places of fashionable amusement?

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except Benjamin Williams, Elder, who obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the sessions.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Joseph Anderson obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the sessions.

Synod resumed the consideration of the appeal from the Presbytery of Ohio, in the case of the Rev. Andrew Gwin; and having heard the appellant at full length in his defence—it was, on motion, resolved unanimously after serious deliberations, that it be enjoined upon the Presbytery of Ohio, to reconsider their proceedings in this case; and as there is supposed to appear some evidences of a conspiracy against the character of the appellant, and the origin and progress of the prosecution is involved in much obscurity; and also, it appeared to the Synod that some further evidence and light may be had in this trial, it is therefore recommended to the reconsideration and special attention of the Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

OCTOBER 10th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except the Rev. Robert Lee, who obtained leave of absence, during the remainder of the sessions.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Synod proceeded to the consideration of the reference from the Presbytery of Erie, in case of a woman, who had married her mother's sister's husband.

On motion, Resolved, That as the constitution of the Presbyterian Church has expressly declared under the Article of Marriage, that a man may not marry any of his wife's kindred nearer in blood than he may of his own, nor the woman of her husband's kindred nearer in blood than of her own; and as the Scriptures expressly forbid a man to marry his aunt, and as a woman stands in the same relation to her uncle that a man does to his aunt—the Synod cannot declare the marriage in question lawful, and must therefore direct that the woman be excluded from the church privileges, while she remains in her present connection.

The Treasurer of the Missionary Society reported to the Synod the state of the Funds; and the Rev. Messrs. Robert Johnston and Obadiah Jennings were appointed a committee to examine his accounts.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be presented to the Female Benevolent Societies of Mingo creek, Williamsport, Upper Buffalo, Cross Roads and Three Springs, for their liberal donations to the Funds of the Western Missionary Society.

The Board of Trust for the Western Missionary Society reported; their report was accepted and their conduct approved.

On motion, Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be presented to the Rev. Lyman Potter, for his gratuitous services as a missionary for one month, under the direction of the Board of missions.

On motion, Resolved, That the Presbyteries belonging to this Synod, take measures to have the injunction of this Synod in relation to congregational collections carried into complete effect. Also,

Resolved, That collections be taken up in all our congregations at the monthly concert of prayer, except in such congregations where the object is secured by other arrangements.

Adjourned to meet 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except the Rev. Abram Scott, and John Thompson and William Smith, Elders, who obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the sessions.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts reported that they have examined and found them correct. The balance in favor of the Society in the contingent Fund is \$388,70½, and in the permanent Fund \$1260,59½.



On motion, Resolved, That the Synod proceed to the election of a Board of Trust for the ensuing year; when the Rev. Messrs. Elisha Macurdy, Francis Herron, Thomas Hunt, Joseph Patterson, Michael Law and Moses Allen, with the Elders James Cooper, Thomas Davis and William Guay were duly elected, to meet to-morrow morning at the house of the Rev. Francis Herron, at 8 o'clock, and afterward on their own adjournments.

Synod proceeded to the consideration of the duty of Church Sessions in relation to church members, who attend balls, and other places of fashionable amusement. Upon this enquiry, the members were called to give their opinions—this was done with freedom and entire unanimity—that attendance upon balls, dances, routs, theatrical exhibitions, and other vain amusements, is censurable in the members of our church; and the Synod were more especially induced at this solemn and interesting period of conflict of the church of God, against the depraved and ensnaring spirit of the world, to enjoin upon all churches and sessions in their connection to perform their duty in such cases with prudence and firmness; and further enjoin upon the members of their several congregations, to beware that when God appears to be arising to promote extensively the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom, they appear decidedly not of the world, not actuated by the spirit of the world, nor devoted to its pleasures. They warn you with earnestness and affection, to conform to your holy calling; come out from the fashions, which defile with sin and seduce from God. We pray that none of our dear flocks may be found, when the Lord cometh, amongst the enemies of our Saviour; frustrating by their opinions and practices the labors of his ministers; weakening their hands and promoting the cause of the god of this world, instead of coming forth to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

It was therefore unanimously Resolved, That this Synod view these practices censurable, and Church Sessions are enjoined to act accordingly.

On motion, Resolved, That the Board of Trust take measures to have 2000 copies of the above resolutions, with the resolution on the use of ardent spirits, and the narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of this Synod, together with such parts of the report of the Board of Missions, as they may deem expedient, published in a pamphlet, and distributed through the congregations within its limits.

Resolved, also, That Mr. Snowden be respectfully requested to publish the same in his paper—with a similar request to other Editors of papers.

Adjourned to meet in the 1st Presbyterian Church in the city of Pittsburgh, on 1st Tuesday of October, 1818. Concluded with prayer.

Approved thus far by the General Assembly.

Attest,

J. J. JANEWAY, *Moderator.*

May 23d, 1818.

PITTSBURGH Oct. 6th, 1818

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. After prayer it appeared that the following members were present, namely.

## MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Porter, William Swan, William Speer, Francis Laird, Francis Heron, Joseph Stockton, William Wylie, Robert Patterson, James Graham, Robert Johnston, James Guthrie, Thomas Hunt, William Johnston, John Ross and Ashbel Fairchild, with the Elders; John Black, James Cooper, Michael Findley, William Hartupce, William D. Hawkins, Charles Caruthers, Daniel Fleming, Robert Baird, Robert Highland, Patrick Watson and John Gwin.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson, Thomas Marquis, Boyd Mercer, Samuel Ralston, George Scott, Matthew Brown, Elisha Macurdy, Joseph Stevenson, Alex. Cook, Michael Law, Andrew M'Donald, Moses Allen and Obadiah Jennings; with the Elders, Wm. Rhea, John Orr, Thomas Yeates, John Milligan, John Thompson, James Hare, Thomas Alexander and James Morrow.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Amos Chase, Samuel Tait, Abraham Boyd, Cyrus Riggs, Robert M'Garrough, Reed Bracken, John Reddick and John Munson.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford,—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, James Satterfield, William Woods, Robert Semple and John Core; with the Elders, Joseph Jackson and John Beer.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River,—The Rev. Messrs. Jonathan Leslie, John Seward, Simeon Woodruff, William Hanford, Joseph Treat, Luther Humphrey and Alvin Coc.

## MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. James Power, D. D., Joseph Henderson, George Hill, and Robert Lee.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. John M'Millan, D. D., and Rev. Messrs. William Woods, John Anderson, Joseph Anderson, James Snodgrass, Cephas Dodd, John Rhea, William M'Millan, Abraham Scott, Thomas B. Clark, Andrew Wylie, James Harvey, Lyman Potter and Thomas Hoge.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. Timothy Aldet, Johnston Eaton and Ira Condit.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford,—The Rev. Messrs. Clemen, Valandingham, Nathan B. Darrow, Joshua Beer, Benjamin Boyd James Wright and James Duncan.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River,—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Giles H. Cowles, Thos. Barr, Harvey Coc and Caleb Pitkin.

Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk. The Rev. Samuel Tait was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Joseph Treat, Clerk.

After reading the minutes of the last meeting of Synod, the Rev. Messrs. James Graham, Thomas Marquis, Amos Chase, Thos. E. Hughes and Jonathan Leslie, with the Elders; Michael Findley, John Thompson and John Orr were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, in this place, and afterward on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Porter, Wm. Wylie, James Guthrie, William Johnston, Thomas Marquis, Boyd Mercer, Joseph Stevenson, Samuel Tait, Abraham Boyd, Reed Bracken, John Reddick, Jonathan Leslie, Simeon Woodruff, William Hanford and Luther Humphrey, assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. Francis Laird and Cyrus Riggs, were appointed a committee, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. Messrs. Robert Semple and John Seward to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Messrs. William Wylie and William Woods, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie.

The Rev. Messrs. Simeon Woodruff and Joseph Stevenson to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. Messrs. William Swan and John Core, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Grand River

On enquiry it was found, that the Synodical resolution of last year, concerning the use of ardent spirits, had been substantially attended to by the members of the Synod.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING, Oct. 7th, 1818.

Synod met agreeable to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayers the minutes of the last session were read.

A sermon was delivered last evening by the Rev. Matthew Brown, Moderator of the last year, from 2d Cor. 2: 16. "Who is sufficient for these things?"

On enquiry it was found, that the members of this Synod have generally and carefully attended to the former Synodical injunctions in relation to collections for the missionary fund, and

Resolved, That the resolutions of the Synod of last year on this Subject, be renewed, and solemnly enjoined on all its members.

Resolved, That the Presbyteries within the bounds of this Synod furnish a correct statement of the number, and objects of the several benevolent societies within their bounds; and that the Rev. Messrs. Robert Johnston and James Guthrie be a committee to prepare and arrange these reports for publication.

The Rev. Messrs. Lyman Potter, William M'Millan and Thomas Hoge appeared and took their seats. Their reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

Messrs. John Gwin and Robert Graham, Elders; appeared, and took their seats. Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last Session were read.

An appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Ohio, in the case of the Rev. Andrew Gwin, was brought before Synod. The appellant being present, Synod proceeded to the consideration of the appeal. After hearing the testimony in part; on motion adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

OCTOBER, 8th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer, the minutes of the last session were read.

Synod resumed the consideration of the appeal from the Presbytery of Ohio, in the case of the Rev. Andrew Gwin, and having heard the remaining part of the testimony in his case, and also having heard the defence of the appellant at length, on motion

Resolved, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. William Woods of the Presbytery of Ohio, appeared, and took his seat, his reasons for not attending sooner, were sustained.

At the request of the Presbyteries of Hartford and Grand River,

Resolved, That the several ministers with their charges, in the Townships, Nos. 3 and 4, in the several ranges in the county of Trumbull, be attached to the Presbytery of Grand River, with the exception of the Rev. Messrs, Joshua Beer and John Core, with their respective charges,

A petition from the Presbytery of Grand River, was laid before Synod, praying for a division of said Presbytery, and that the part thereof lying west of the east line of Portage and Cuyahoga counties, be erected into a new Presbytery, which will embrace within its bounds, the following ministers with their respective charges, viz: The Rev. Messrs, Thos. Barr, Caleb Pitkin, John Seward, Simeon Woodruff, William Hanford, Joseph Treat and Alvin Coe,

On motion, Resolved, That the petition of said Presbytery be granted, and that the new Presbytery be known by the name of the *Presbytery of Portage*, and that they be directed to meet at Hudson, on the second Thursday of December next, at 12 o'clock, M. and that the Rev. Thomas Barr, shall open the Presbytery with a sermon, on the occasion, and preside until a Moderator be appointed and in case of his absence, the next senior member present.

The Rev. Messrs. Obadiah Jennings and John Reddick obtained leave of absence during the remainder of the sessions,

On last evening a missionary sermon was delivered by the Rev. Obadiah Jennings, from Psalms 2d, 8th, and a collection was taken up for the missionary fund, amounting to \$62. 21,

At the request of the Presbyteries of Erie and Grand River; on motion,

Resolved, That the following change, shall be made in the

boundary line between said Presbyteries, viz: begining at the source of the Little Neshanock, thence to the big bend of the Shenango, thence up the Shenango to the mouth of Pantunning creek, and up said creek to the State line, thence along the State line to the Lake.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, Concluded with prayer,

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Synod resumed the consideration of the appeal from the Presbytery of Ohio, in the case of Mr. Andrew Gwin, and having heard the reply of the Presbytery to the defence made by Mr. Gwin, and also the appellant in answer thereto,

A motion was made and seconded, "to reverse the judgment of the Presbytery of Ohio." After mature and serious deliberation, a motion was introduced "to postpone the original motion, for introducing the following," viz: On motion the Synod Resolved, That the judgment of the Presbytery of Ohio be reversed, on the principle of its being at first unconstitutionally taken up." After further discussion, the question for the postponement was taken and lost. The original motion then returning, it was determined in the affirmative. Yeas, 35; Nays, 4; non Liqueets, 4,

Nevertheless, in as much as the Rev. Andrew Gwin, in his defence before the Synod, while prosecuting his appeal from the judgment of the Presbytery of Ohio, did confess his permitting a certain young woman to come to his bed, and remain there with him for some time; and, whereas, the Synod cannot but view this, and all such conduct as highly indecent and utterly repugnant to the ministerial character; Therefore,

Resolved, that Mr. Gwin, be called before the bar of this house, to be rebuked and admonished by the Moderator, which was done accordingly.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer,

OCTOBER, 9th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except Rev. Messrs. Simcon Woodruff and William Hanford, and Mr. John Black, Elder; who obtained leave of absence, during the remainder of the sessions.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio, Erie, Hartford, and Grand River, reported, and their respective records were approved.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported to the Synod, their report was received, and is as follows, viz:

The Presbytery of Redstone report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of 19 ministers, and have under their care 23 Congregations, and 2 Licentiates, viz:

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.  | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.           | Com's Fund. |    | Miss. Fund | Added last y'r. | Total in Com. | Adults Bap: | Infants Bap: | Total: |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|----|------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------|
|                      |                                   | D.          | C. |            |                 |               |             |              |        |
| James Power, D. D.,  | Without a Charge,.....            | 3           | 00 |            |                 |               |             |              |        |
| Samuel Porter,.....  | Congruity,.....                   | 2           | 53 | 8          | 12              |               |             |              |        |
| Joseph Henderson,... | Bethel and Ebenezer,.....         |             |    |            |                 |               |             |              |        |
| William Swan,.....   | Sewickly and Long Run,.....       | 6           | 30 | 46         | 88              |               |             |              |        |
| George Hill,.....    | Fairfield and Donegal,.....       |             | 4  | 00         |                 |               |             |              |        |
| William Speer,....   | Greensburg and Unity,.....        | 14          | 57 |            |                 | 14            | 213         | 5            | 24     |
| Francis Herron,....  | 1st Church, Pittsburgh,.....      | 29          | 00 | 177        | 36              | 17            | 133         | 5            | 21     |
| William Wylie,....   | Without a Charge,.....            |             |    |            |                 |               |             |              |        |
| Francis Laird,....   | Poke Run and Plumb Creek,.....    |             |    |            |                 |               |             |              |        |
| Robert Lee,.....     | Salem,.....                       |             |    |            |                 |               |             |              |        |
| Joseph Stockton,...  | Stated Supply at Allegheny, Pine. |             |    |            |                 |               |             |              |        |
| .....                | Creek and Lawrenceville,.....     |             |    | 2          | 12              |               |             |              |        |
| Robert Patterson,... | Highlands,.....                   | 9           |    | 5          |                 |               |             |              |        |
| James Graham,....    | Beulah,.....                      |             |    | 30         |                 | 9             | 139         | 5            | 55     |
| James Guthrie,....   | Laurel Hill and Tyrone,.....      | 8           | 97 |            |                 | 5             | 202         | 2            | 8      |
| Thomas Hunt,....     | 2d Church, Pittsburgh,.....       | 5           |    | 47         |                 | 9             | 104         | 23           | 20     |
| William Johnston,... | Dunlap's Creek, & Brownsville,... | 12          |    | 20         |                 |               |             |              |        |
| John Ross,.....      | Somerset,.....                    |             |    |            |                 |               |             |              |        |
| Robert Johnston,...  | Rehoboth and Round Hill,.....     |             |    | 36         | 50              |               |             |              |        |
| A. G. Fairchild,...  | Without a Charge,.....            |             |    |            |                 |               |             |              | 0      |

Vacant congregations able to support a Minister : Mount Pleasant, 2d Church Pittsburgh and Uniontown.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Minister : Union, Tygart's Valley, Warren, Wheatfield, Crossings and Saltsburgh.

Licentiates : James Coe and John Reed.

Presbytery further report, that on the 21st day of April, 1818, they received the Rev. Robert Johnston, from the Presbytery of Erie, as a member, and on the 18th day of June following, installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Rehoboth and Round Hill. That on the 21st day of April in the same year, they received Mr. John Reed a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Ohio, and Mr. Ashbel G. Fairchild, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of New Jersey. That on the first day of July in the same year, they ordained Mr. A. G. Fairchild to the office of an Evangelist for the Morgantown circuit. That on the same day, they dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. Thomas Hunt, and the 2d congregation of Pittsburgh.

The Presbytery of Ohio report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of 27 members, and have under their care 48 Churches, 2 Licentiates and 1 Candidate.

| MINISTER S.                        | CONGREGATIONS.                                         | Miss. Fund. |    | Com. Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total in Com. | Adults. | Infants. | Total. |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----|------------|----|------------------|---------------|---------|----------|--------|
|                                    |                                                        | D.          | C. | P.         | C. |                  |               |         |          |        |
| John M <sup>l</sup> Millan, D. D., | Chartiers,.....                                        | 21          | 62 | 5          |    | 7                | 235           | 3       | 34       | 37     |
| Joseph Patterson,...               | Without a Charge,.....                                 |             |    |            |    |                  |               |         |          |        |
| Thomas Marquis,...                 | Cross Creek,.....                                      | 116         |    | 4          |    | 12               | 237           |         | 24       | 24     |
| Boyd Mercer,.....                  | No Charge,.....                                        |             |    |            |    |                  |               |         |          |        |
| Samuel Ralston,....                | Mingo Creek & Williamsport,...                         | 95          | 19 |            |    |                  |               |         |          |        |
| William Woods,....                 | Bethel and Lebanon,.....                               | 100         |    |            |    | 17               | 236           | 3       | 17       | 20     |
| George Scott,.....                 | Mill Creek and Flats,.....                             | 12          | 12 | 3          | 28 | 35               | 223           | 6       | 40       | 46     |
| John Anderson,....                 | Upper Buffalo,.....                                    | 117         | 70 | 5          |    | 21               | 256           | 2       | 20       | 22     |
| Elisha Macurdy,....                | Cross Roads and Three Springs,...                      | 242         | 25 | 5          | 50 | 8                | 344           | 1       | 30       | 31     |
| Matthew Brown,....                 | Washington,.....                                       | 80          |    | 10         |    | 22               | 195           |         |          |        |
| Joseph Anderson,...                | Richlands,.....                                        |             |    | 2          |    | 8                | 160           |         | 16       | 16     |
| James Snodgrass,...                | Island Creek,.....                                     |             |    |            |    |                  |               |         |          |        |
| Alexander Cook,....                | Bethany,.....                                          | 68          | 75 | 4          | 7  | 8                | 79            |         | 14       | 14     |
| Cephas Dodd,.....                  | Stated Supply at Lower Ten Mile,.....                  |             |    |            |    |                  |               |         |          |        |
| John Rhea,.....                    | Beech Spring and Cadiz,.....                           |             |    | 4          |    | 7                | 251           | 2       | 24       | 26     |
| Lyman Potter,.....                 | Without a Charge,.....                                 |             |    |            |    |                  |               |         |          |        |
| William M <sup>l</sup> Millan,...  | Stated Supply at Miller's Run,...                      |             |    |            |    |                  |               |         |          |        |
| Moses Allen,.....                  | Racoon,.....                                           | 41          |    |            |    | 4                | 174           |         | 12       | 12     |
| Abraham Scott,....                 | Without a Charge,.....                                 |             |    |            |    |                  |               |         |          |        |
| Joseph Stevenson,...               | Three Ridges,.....                                     | 48          |    | 3          |    | 6                | 122           | 2       | 21       | 23     |
| Andrew M <sup>l</sup> Donald,...   | White Oak Flats and Flaherty's Run,.....               | 5           |    | 1          |    | 8                | 74            | 2       | 21       | 23     |
| Thomas B. Clark,...                | Crab Apple and Nottingham,...                          | 21          |    | 2          | 12 | 1                | 137           |         | 22       | 22     |
| Michael Law,.....                  | Monture's,.....                                        | 55          | 17 |            |    | 19               | 227           | 9       | 14       | 23     |
| Andrew Wylie,....                  | Without a Charge,.....                                 |             |    |            |    |                  |               |         |          |        |
| James Hervey,....                  | Forks of Wheeling and Wheeling town,.....              | 72          | 12 | 3          |    | 17               | 115           | 3       | 9        | 12     |
| Thomas Hoge,.....                  | Stated Supply at Upper Ten Mile and East Buffalo,..... | 5           |    |            |    | 14               |               | 3       | 17       | 20     |
| Obadiah Jennings,...               | Steubenville,.....                                     | 74          |    | 8          | 83 | 10               | 74            |         | 18       | 18     |
|                                    |                                                        | 1164        | 93 | 62         | 81 | 224              | 3139          | 36      | 347      |        |

Vacant Congregation, able alone to support the gospel: Pigeon creek. Able united, New Providence and Jefferson, Two Ridges and Yellow creek. Not able; West Liberty, Lower, Buffalo, Centre, Hopewell, Sewickly, M<sup>l</sup>Mahon's creek, Guns Cross Roads, Sandy, Concord Charlestown, Miller's run, Brushy fork of Stillwater, Hagerstown, Cool Spring and East Buffalo.

Licentiate: Archibald Hannah, Orlan P. Hays.

Candidate: Jacob Cozad.

Presbytery further report, that they did on the 28th of Nov. 1817, dismiss Mr. John Reed, a Licentiate under their care, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Redstone; and on the 25th of April 1818, licensed Mr. Archibald Hannah to preach the Gospel; and on the 27th of Aug. of the same year, received Mr. Orlan P. Hays, a Licentiate from the association of Hampton, under their care; and on the 4th Tuesday of May in the same year, in

installed the Rev. James Snodgrass, Pastor of the congregation of Island creek; and on the 27th of August in the same year, removed the sentence of deposition, under which the Rev. Andrew Gwin lay, and suspended him from the office of the Gospel Ministry, *sine die*.

The Presbytery of Erie report, to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of twelve members and have under their care, 48 Congregations, viz :

| MINISTERS' NAMES.  | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.                 | Edm. Fund. |    | Miss. Fund. |    | Com. Fund. |      | Adm'd last year. | Total. | Infants. |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------|----|-------------|----|------------|------|------------------|--------|----------|
|                    |                                         | D.         | C. | C.          | C. | D.         | C.   |                  |        |          |
| John M'Pherrin,... | Butler and Concord,.....                |            |    |             |    |            |      |                  |        |          |
| Amos Chase,.....   | Without a Charge,.....                  |            |    |             |    |            | 3 00 |                  |        |          |
| Timothy Alden,...  | Without a Charge,.....                  |            |    |             |    |            |      |                  |        |          |
| Samuel Tait,.....  | Mercer and Salem,.....                  | 3 00       |    |             |    |            | 3 00 | 24 12            |        |          |
| Abraham Boyd,...   | Bull Creek and Deer Creek,.....         |            |    | 14 45       |    |            |      | 1 5              |        | 12       |
| Robt. M'Garrough,  | Licking, New Rehoboth and Concord,.     |            |    | 9 77        |    |            | 3 00 |                  |        |          |
| Cyrus Riggs,.....  | Scrubgrass and Unity,.....              | 3 00       |    |             |    |            | 3 00 | 7 12             |        | 12       |
| Johnston Eaton,... | Fairview and Erie,.....                 |            |    |             |    |            |      |                  |        |          |
| Reed Bracken,...   | Nebo and Plain,.....                    | 2 00       |    |             |    |            | 3 00 |                  |        |          |
| Ira Condit,.....   | Fairfield, Big Sugar Creek & Up. Sandy, |            |    |             |    |            |      |                  |        |          |
| John Reddick,....  | Slate Lick and Union,.....              | 3 00       |    |             |    |            | 3 00 |                  |        |          |
| John Munson,....   | Plaingrove and Centre,.....             | 1 00       |    |             |    |            | 3 00 |                  |        |          |

Vacant congregations able to support the Gospel : Meadville, Sugar creek and Conneaut Lake, North East and Ripley.

Vacant Congregations separately unable to support the Gospel: Waterford, Gravel Run, Cussawaga, Conneaut, Middle Brook, Upper Union, Miles' Grove, Broken-straw, Lottsville, Beech woods, Warren, Titiayerter, Oil creek, Cherry tree, Franklin, Amity, Richland, Bear creek, Red Bank, Middlesex and Chatauque Cross roads.

The Presbytery further report, that they have on the 25th day of February, 1818, dismissed the Rev. John Matthews, to join the Presbytery of Missouri; that they have on the same day ordained Mr. John Munson minister of the Gospel, and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Plain Grove and Centre, and on the same day dismissed the Rev. Robert Johnston to join the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Presbytery of Hartford report, that since their last report, they have received the Rev. James Duncan, formerly a member of the Associate Synod of North America, and that they did on the 22d, of Oct. last install the Rev. William Woods, Pastor of the united Congregations of Hopewell and Neshanock, and on the 20th of January last, they dismissed the Rev. Benjamin Boyd, agreeably to his own request, to join the Presbytery of Missouri; and on the 24th of June last, they installed the Rev. Joshua Beer, Pastor of the Congregation of Newton; on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Nathan B. Darrow, at his request to join the Presbytery of



Louisville. That they now consist of 9 Ministers, having under their care 2 Candidates for the Gospel ministry and 25 congregations.

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.   | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.                  | Com-<br>mission-<br>ers' Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | Total. |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----|------------------|--------|---------|----------|--------|
|                       |                                          | d.                             | c. |                  |        |         |          |        |
| Thomas E. Hughes, ..  | Mount Pleasant, .....                    | 3                              | 00 | 12               | 152    | 33      | 33       |        |
| James Duncan, .....   | Without a charge, .....                  |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| James Satterfield, .. | Hubbert and Moorfield, .....             | 4                              | 19 | 12               | 118    | 6       | 6        |        |
| William Woods, .....  | Hopewell and Neshanock, .....            |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| Chm't Valandingham    | New Lisbou, .....                        | 3                              | 00 | 18               | 198    | 146     | 47       |        |
| Joshua Beer, .....    | Newton, .....                            |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| Robert Semple, .....  | New Castle and Slippery Rock, .....      | 4                              | 50 | 15               | 148    | 3       | 32       | 35     |
| James Wright, .....   | Poland and Westfield, .....              | 6                              | 49 | 21               | 166    | 5       | 33       | 38     |
| John Core, .....      | Youngstown, Vienna and Brookfield, ..... | 7                              | 14 | 66               | 158    | 8       | 19       | 27     |

Vacant congregations, and unable to support a Pastor: Long's run, Beaver town, New Salem, Warren, Mantua, Canfield, Boardman, Yellow creek, Ellsworth, Springfield, Canton and Upper Salem.

The Presbytery of Grand River report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of twelve members, and have under their care 28 Congregations, viz:

| NAMES OF MINISTERS    | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.         | Com-<br>mission-<br>ers' Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total. | Adults. | Infants. | Total. |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----|------------------|--------|---------|----------|--------|
|                       |                                 | d.                             | c. |                  |        |         |          |        |
| Joseph Badger, ..     | Without a Charge, .....         |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| Giles H. Cowles, ..   | Austinburgh and Morgan, .....   | 2                              | 32 | 15               | 159    | 3       | 20       | 23     |
| Jonathan Leslie, ..   | Harpersfield, .....             |                                |    | 10               | 47     | 5       | 9        | 14     |
| Caleb Pitkin, .....   | Charleston, .....               |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| Thomas Barr, .....    | Euclid, .....                   |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| John Seward, .....    | Aurora, .....                   | 2                              | 00 | 74               |        |         | 10       | 10     |
| Simeon Woodruff, ..   | Talmadge, .....                 |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| Harvey Coe, .....     | Vernon, .....                   | 6                              | 00 | 11               | 106    | 1       | 22       | 23     |
| William Hanford, ..   | Hudson, .....                   | 2                              | 00 | 2                | 33     |         | 3        | 3      |
| Joseph Treat, .....   | Sharon, .....                   | 1                              | 00 | 1                | 23     |         | 3        | 3      |
| Luther Humplrey, ..   | Burton, .....                   | 1                              | 00 | 5                | 52     |         | 5        | 5      |
| Alvin Coe, .....      | Without a charge, .....         |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| Vacant and Unable     | Painesville, .....              | 2                              | 35 |                  | 32     |         | 1        | 1      |
| to support a Minister | Mantua, .....                   |                                |    |                  | 20     |         | 10       | 10     |
| do.                   | Nelson, .....                   |                                |    | 5                | 31     |         | 2        | 2      |
| do.                   | Hampden, .....                  |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| do.                   | Williamsfield, .....            | 1                              | 50 | 9                | 28     |         | 2        | 2      |
| do.                   | Johnson, .....                  |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| do.                   | Rootstown, .....                |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| do.                   | Dover, .....                    |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| do.                   | Mason, .....                    | 2                              | 93 |                  |        |         |          |        |
| do.                   | Kingsville and Ashtabula, ..... |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| do.                   | Bricksville, .....              | 1                              | 00 | 5                | 24     |         | 4        | 4      |
| do.                   | Bristol and Bloomfield, .....   |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| do.                   | Wheatsborough, .....            |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| do.                   | Stow, .....                     | 1                              | 50 | 2                | 15     |         | 5        | 5      |
| do.                   | Beuville, .....                 |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| do.                   | Harrisville, .....              |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| do.                   | No. 5, 14th Range, .....        |                                |    |                  | 8      |         | 2        | 2      |
| do.                   | Black River, .....              |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |
| do.                   | Florence, .....                 |                                |    |                  |        |         |          |        |

The Presbytery further report, that on the 7th day of January, 1818, they installed the Rev. Amasa Loomis, Pastor of the congregation of Painesville.

An appeal from the decision of this Synod in case of the Rev. Andrew Gwin, was handed in by the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Marquis and Moses Allen, the committee appointed to defend the judgment of the Presbytery of Ohio.

On motion, Resolved, That the Delegates from the Presbyteries of Redstone and Erie, to the next General Assembly, be a committee to defend the judgment of the Synod.

The Treasurer of the Missionary Society, reported to the Synod the state of the funds; and the Rev. Matthew Brown and Robert Johnston, were appointed a Committee to examine his accounts.

The Board of Trust for the Western Missionary Society reported. Their report was accepted, and their conduct approved.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, reported, that they have examined, and found them correct. The balance in favor of the Society in the contingent fund, \$490.88 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; and the Permanent, \$1488.22.

On motion, Resolved, That Synod proceed to the election of a Board of Trust for the ensuing year; when the Rev. Messrs. Elisha Macurdy, Joseph Patterson, Francis Herron, Michael Law, Moses Allen and Thomas Hoge, together with the Elders; James Cooper, Thomas Davis and William Guy, were duly elected, to meet to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock, at the house of the Rev. Francis Herron, and afterward on their own adjournments.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Missionary Society be credited with the amount of \$20, believed to be lost, and also, that the due bills of Mr. S. Perry, now in the Treasurer's hands, be canceled.

On motion, Resolved, That the Indian school at Cornplanters, be discontinued, and that the Board of Trust be authorised, if they find their way open, to bring into the settlement Indian youths, and place them at suitable schools.

The Rev. Francis Herron having resigned his office as Stated Clerk to the Synod. On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Thomas Hoge be appointed his Successor.

Adjourned to meet at Washington on the 1st Tuesday of Oct., 1819, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Reviewed thus far by the General Assembly, and approved, except in the case of the appeal of the Presbytery of Ohio.

JOHN H. RICE, *Moderator.*

PHILADELPHIA, May 26th, 1819.

WASHINGTON, Pa., October 5th, 1819.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened by the Rev. Samuel Tait, Moderator of the last year, with a sermon from Heb. 13th, 17th. The Synod was constituted with prayer.

After prayer, it appeared that the following members were present, viz :

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. William Swan, William Speer, Francis Herron, Joseph Stockton, William Wylie, William Johnston and Ashbel G. Fairchild, with the Elders; Samuel Fleming, Matthew Crawford, John Johnston and William Courtney.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Marquis, Boyd Mercer, Samuel Ralston, William Woods, George Scott, John Anderson, Elisha Macurdy, Matthew Brown, Joseph Anderson, Thomas Hunt, Alexander Cook, John Ray, Lyman Potter, William M'Millan, Abraham Scott, Joseph Stevenson, Andrew M'Donald, Thomas B. Clark, Michael Law, Andrew Wylie, James Harvey, Thomas Hoge and Obadiah Jennings; with the Elders, Joseph Smith, James Morrow, Joseph M'Cready, John Dinsmore, James Kerr, James Orr, George Sutherland, Archibald Brownlee and James Torrence.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. Timothy Alden, Samuel Tait, Abraham Boyd, Robert M'Garrough, Amos Chase, Reed Bracken and Ira Condit; with the Elders, Hugh Cotton and James Plummer.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford,—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes and Clement Valandingham, with the Elder; James Adair.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River,—The Rev. Messrs. Harvey Coe and Luther Humphrey.

Of the Presbytery of Portage,—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Barr, John Seward, Joseph Treat and Alvin Coe.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT.

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. James Power, D. D., Samuel Porter, Joseph Henderson, George Hill, Francis Laird, Robert Lee, Robert Patterson, James Graham, James Guthrie, John Ross, Robert Johnston and John Reed.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., Joseph Patterson, James Snodgrass, Cephas Dodd and Moses Allen.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Cyrus Riggs, Johnston Eaton, John Reddick, John Munson and Phineas Camp.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford,—The Rev. Messrs. James Duncan, James Satterfield, William Woods, Joshua Beer, Robert Sample, James Wright and John Core.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River,—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph

Badger, Giles H. Cowles, Jonathan Leslie, Abiel Jones, Ephraim T. Woodruff, Amasa Loomis, Randolph Stone, William Strong and Alvin Hyde.

Of the Presbytery of Portage,—The Rev. Messrs. Caleb Pitkin, Simeon Woodruff, William Hanford and Benjamin Fenn.

Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk. Th Rev. John Seward was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Thomas Hoge, Clerk.

After reading the minutes of the last meeting of Synod, the Rev Messrs John Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Abraham Scott, Timothy Alden, Clement Valandingham, Thomas Barr, Harvey Coe, John Ray, Thomas B. Clark, Andrew Wylie, James Hervey and Ira Condit assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. William Wylie, Joseph Stevenson, Saml. Tait, Clement Valandingham, Harvey Coe, and Thomas Barr; with the Elders, William Courtney, Joseph Smith and James Kerr, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet in this place to-morrow morning, at 7 o'clock, and afterward on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. George Scott, and Thomas E. Hughes, were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Messrs. Robert Johnston and Joseph Treat to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. Messrs. William Swan and Michael Law, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie.

The Rev. Messrs. William Speer and Matthew Brown, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. Messrs. Andrew Wylie and Obadiah Jennings, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Grand River.

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hunt and Ashbel G. Fairchild, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Portage.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6th, 1819.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. James Graham, Robert Johnston, James Snodgrass, Amos Chase and John Munson appeared and took their seats; their reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

The report of the committee, appointed at the last meeting of Synod, to defend the judgment of this Synod in the case of the Rev. Andrew Gwin, was received, and their conduct approved.

On motion, Resolved, that the delegates from the several Presbyteries composing this Synod, to the next General Assembly, make application to the Assembly to have the boundary line between the Synods of Pittsburgh and Geneva, defined.

Mr. James Hare, Elder, appeared and took his seat.

On motion, Resolved, that the several presbyteries within the bounds of this Synod, furnish a written statement of the number and objects of the *several benevolent societies* within their bounds, to the next stated meeting of the Synod.

A petition was presented from the Presbytery of Portage, praying for an alteration in the boundary line between said Presbytery and the Presbytery of Hartford.

On motion, Resolved, that the said boundary line be so altered, as to annex that part of the Presbytery of Hartford, lying within the county of Portage, to the Presbytery of Portage.

The Presbytery of Erie reported; the report was received, and is as follows, viz:

"The Presbytery of Erie report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of thirteen members, and have under their care forty-seven congregations, viz:

| MINISTERS.         | CONGREGATIONS.                           | Edu. Fund. |    | Com's Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total. | A. L. & S. Soc. | Infants Rep. |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|------------|----|-------------|----|------------------|--------|-----------------|--------------|
|                    |                                          | D.         | C. | D.          | C. |                  |        |                 |              |
| John M'Pherrin,... | Butler and Concord,.....                 |            |    | 6           |    | 3                | 50     |                 | 3            |
| Amos Chase,.....   | Without a Pastoral Charge,.....          |            |    |             | 4  | 06               |        |                 |              |
| Timothy Alden,...  | Stated Supply at Meadville,.....         |            |    |             | 6  |                  |        |                 |              |
| Samuel Tait,.....  | Mercer and Salem,.....                   | 3          |    | 6           |    |                  |        |                 |              |
| Abraham Boyd,...   | Bull Creek and Deer Creek,.....          | 4          |    |             |    | 8                | 68     | 3               | 16           |
| Robt. M'Garrough,  | New Rehoboth, Licking & East Concord,    |            |    | 3           |    | 10               | 75     |                 | 5            |
| Cyrus Riggs,.....  | Scrubgrass and Unity,.....               | 3          |    | 3           | 46 | 11               | 130    |                 | 9            |
| .....              | Female Mite Society, Scrubgrass,.....    | 7          |    |             |    |                  |        |                 |              |
| Johnston Eaton,... | Fairview and Erie,.....                  |            |    |             |    |                  |        |                 |              |
| Reed Brecken,..... | Nebo and Plain,.....                     | 2          |    | 3           |    | 9                | 61     |                 | 8            |
| Ira Condit,.....   | Fairfield, Big Sugar Creek and Sandy,... |            |    | 3           |    |                  |        |                 |              |
| .....              | Fem. Mite Soc. Fairfield & Ann Warnock   | 7          | 27 |             |    |                  |        |                 |              |
| John Reddick,....  | State Lick and Union,.....               | 3          |    | 3           |    |                  |        |                 |              |
| John Munson,.....  | Plain Grove and Centre,.....             | 2          |    | 3           |    |                  |        |                 |              |
| Phineas Camp,....  | Westfield,.....                          |            |    |             |    |                  |        |                 |              |

Vacant Congregations unable to support a minister: Springfield, Waterford, Conneaut, Middlebrook, Warren, Upper Union, Gravel Run, Beech Woods, Brokenstraw, Lottsville, Miles' Grove, Centreville, Oil Creek, Titeaute, Franklin, Cussawaga, Amity, Bear Creek, Sandy Lick, Richland and Red Bank.

Vacant Congregations able to support a minister: Ripley and North East united, Meadville and Conneaut Lake, united.

The Presbytery farther report, that they have on the 29th day of June received the Rev. Phineas Camp from the Presbytery of Hudson, and on the eighth day of September installed him pastor of the Congregation of Westfield, (formerly Chatauque Cross Roads.

The Presbytery of Ohio reported; their report was received, and is as follows, viz:

The Presbytery of Ohio report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that

they consist of twenty-eight members, and have under their care forty-five congregations, two licentiates and two candidates, viz :

| MINISTERS.              | NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.              | Miss. Fund. |    | Com. Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total in Conn. | Infants Bap. | Adults Bap. |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|----|------------|----|------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
|                         |                                      | D.          | C. | D.         | C. |                  |                |              |             |
| John McMillan, D. D,    | Chartier's, .....                    | 64          | 70 | 3          | 50 | 21               | 242            | 24           | 2           |
| Joseph Patterson, ..... | Without a Pastoral Charge, .....     |             |    |            |    |                  |                |              |             |
| Thomas Marquis, .....   | Cross Creek, .....                   | 48          |    | 5          |    | 15               | 246            | 27           | 3           |
| Boyd Mercer, .....      | Without a Pastoral Charge, .....     |             |    |            |    |                  |                |              |             |
| Samuel Ralston, .....   | Mingo Creek and Williamsport, .....  | 99          |    |            |    |                  |                |              |             |
| William Woods, .....    | Bethel and Lebanon, .....            | 61          | 31 | 1          | 60 | 20               | 250            | 16           | 2           |
| George Scott, .....     | Mill Creek and Flats, .....          | 52          | 72 | 4          | 50 | 38               | 246            | 48           | 7           |
| John Anderson, .....    | Upper Buffalo, .....                 | 124         | 15 | 4          |    | 11               | 248            | 22           |             |
| Matthew Brown, .....    | Washington, .....                    | 32          |    | 5          |    | 13               | 196            |              | 1           |
| Joseph Anderson, .....  | Richlands, .....                     |             |    | 10         |    | 17               | 160            | 8            |             |
| Elisha Macurdy, .....   | Cross Roads and Three Springs, ..... | 211         |    | 6          | 25 | 19               | 359            | 22           | 1           |
| James Snodgrass, .....  | Island Creek, .....                  |             |    |            |    |                  |                |              |             |
| Alexander Cook, .....   | Bethany, .....                       |             |    | 2          | 41 | 25               | 99             | 14           | 1           |
| Cephas Dodd, .....      | Without a Pastoral Charge, .....     |             |    |            |    |                  |                |              |             |
| John Rhea, .....        | Beech Springs, .....                 | 10          |    | 4          |    | 14               | 259            | 44           | 2           |
| William McMillan, ..... | Miller's Run, .....                  |             |    |            |    | 17               | 88             | 16           | 2           |
| Thomas Hunt, .....      | Two Ridgos and Richmond, .....       |             |    |            |    |                  |                |              |             |
| Lyman Potter, .....     | Without a Pastoral Charge, .....     |             |    |            |    |                  |                |              |             |
| Moses Allen, .....      | Raccoon, .....                       |             |    |            |    | 17               | 180            | 21           | 1           |
| Joseph Stevenson, ..... | Three Ridges, .....                  | 36          | 75 | 4          |    | 17               | 137            | 31           |             |
| Andrew McDonald, .....  | White Oak Flats and Flaherty's ..    |             |    |            |    | 8                |                |              |             |
| Thomas B. Clark, .....  | Run, .....                           | 11          |    | 1          | 50 |                  | 98             |              |             |
| Abraham Scott, .....    | Without a Pastoral Charge, .....     |             |    |            |    |                  |                |              |             |
| Michael Law, .....      | Without a Pastoral Charge, .....     |             |    |            |    |                  |                |              |             |
| Andrew Wylie, .....     | Monture's Run, .....                 | 61          | 99 | 2          |    | 18               | 227            | 14           | 2           |
| James Hevey, .....      | Without a Pastoral Charge, .....     |             |    |            |    |                  |                |              |             |
| Thomas Hoge, .....      | Forks of Wheeling and Wheeling-      | 32          |    | 3          |    | 7                | 113            | 25           | 1           |
| Obadiah Jennings, ..... | town, .....                          | 5           |    |            |    | 15               | 39             | 23           | 2           |
|                         | Stated Supply, East Buffalo, .....   | 172         | 75 | 8          | 50 | 23               | 90             | 16           | 2           |
|                         | Steubenville, .....                  |             |    |            |    |                  |                |              |             |
|                         |                                      | 1006        | 57 | 60         | 26 | 312              | 3117           | 359          | 29          |

Vacant congregations able to support a pastor: Pigeon Creek, New Providence and Jefferson, West Liberty and Lower Buffalo, Upper Ten Mile, Crab Apple.

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor: Ridge, Unity, Centreville, Hopewell, Wellsburgh, Centre, Sewickly, Sandy, Cold Spring.

Archibald Hanna, Jacob Cozad, licentiates.

William Jeffery, James Rowland, candidates.

Presbytery further report that they did on the 20th October, 1818, receive the Rev. Thomas Hunt as a member of this Presbytery from the Presbytery of Redstone; and that they did on the 21st of the same month dissolve the pastoral relation between the Rev. Thomas B. Clark and the congregation of Crab-apple; that on the 24th of November, in the same year, they received Mr. Wm. Jeffery on trial as a candidate for the Gospel ministry; that they did on the 15th January, 1819, license Mr. Jacob Cozad as a proba-

tioner for the Gospel ministry; that on the 13th day of the same month, they received Mr. James Rowland as a candidate for the office of the Gospel ministry; and that they did on the 21st May following install the Rev. Thomas Hunt pastor of the congregations of Two Ridges and Richmond.

The Presbytery of Grand River reported; their report was received, and is as follows, viz:

The Presbytery of Grand River report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of eleven members, and have under their care twenty-three congregations and one candidate, viz:

| MINISTERS' NAMES.                             | CONGREGATIONS.                              | Com-<br>mis-<br>sion-<br>er's Fund.<br>D. c. | Ad-<br>ded last year. | Total in Com. | Admis-<br>sion Rep. | Bapt-<br>isms. |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Joseph Badger,.....                           | Without a Charge,.....                      |                                              |                       |               |                     |                |
| Giles H. Cowles,.....                         | Austinburgh,.....                           | 2 00                                         | 5                     | 123           | 1                   | 20             |
| Simeon Woodruff,....                          | Williamsfield,.....                         |                                              | 19                    | 42            | 2                   | 16             |
| Jonathan Leslie,.....                         | Harpersfield,.....                          | 1 50                                         | 15                    | 61            | 4                   | 12             |
| Abiel Jones,.....                             | Stated supply at Farmington,.....           |                                              |                       |               |                     |                |
| Harvey Coe,.....                              | Vernon,.....                                | 6 37                                         | 7                     | 107           |                     | 14             |
| Amasa Loomis,.....                            | Painsville,.....                            | 3 37                                         | 6                     | 32            |                     | 5              |
| Luther Humphrey,....                          | Burton,.....                                | 0 00                                         |                       | 42            |                     | 13             |
| William Strong,.....                          | Stated supply at Huntsburg & Thompson,..... | 86                                           |                       |               |                     |                |
| Randolph Stone,.....                          | Morgan,.....                                |                                              | 34                    | 34            |                     |                |
| Alvas Hyde,.....                              | Madison,.....                               |                                              |                       |               |                     |                |
| Vacant, united able to support a Pastor,..... | Warren, Kingsville and Ashtabula,.....      | 2 00                                         |                       |               |                     |                |
| Vacant, and unable to support a Pastor,.....  | { Andover,.....                             | 1 00                                         | 2                     | 17            | 3                   | 1              |
|                                               | { Charden,.....                             |                                              | 10                    | 10            | 1                   |                |
|                                               | { Braceville,.....                          |                                              | 8                     | 16            | 3                   | 1              |
|                                               |                                             | 19 63                                        | 79                    | 510           | 14                  | 85             |

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor: Hampden, Johnson, Bristol and Bloomfield, Greersburgh, Westfield, Mesopotamia, Salem, Bainbridge.

The Presbytery further report, that on the 19th of May 1819, they received Mr. Randolph Stone, a licentiate from the Association of the Western District, New Haven, Connecticut, and on the same day they ordained and installed him pastor of the church in Morgan; that on the 17th day of August, in the same year, they received the Yev. Ephraim T. Woodruff from the Poland Association, Connecticut, as a member; on the same day they received the Rev. Abiel Jones of the Addison Association, Vermont, as a member; also, on the same day they received the Rev. William Strong, a missionary from the Hampshire Missionary Society, as a member; on the 19th of August, of the same year, they installed the Rev. Ephraim T. Woodruff, Pastor of the church of Williams field; On the 30th of the same month, they received Mr. Alvan Hyde, jr., a licentiate from the Berkshire Association, Massachusetts, under their care, and on the 1st of Sept., following they ordained and installed him Pastor of the church in Madison.

The Presbytery of Portage reported; the report was received, and is as follows, viz:

The Presbytery of Portage report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of 8 members, and have under their care 28 Congregations, and 1 candidate, viz:

| MINISTERS.           | CONGREGATIONS.                  | Portage<br>Miss. society<br>Fund. | Com. s Fund: |    | Education. |      | Added last year: | Total in Com: | Infants Bap. |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|----|------------|------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
|                      |                                 |                                   | D.           | C. | D.         | C.   |                  |               |              |
| Thomas Barr,.....    | Euclid,.....                    | 15 00                             | 2            | 62 |            |      |                  | 3             | 49 5         |
| Caleb Pitkin,.....   | Charleston,.....                | 15 58                             | 1            | 00 |            |      |                  | 7             | 34 4         |
| John Seward,.....    | Aurora,.....                    | 27 94                             | 2            | 00 | 13         | 42   | 2                | 73            | 4            |
| Simeon Woodruff,...  | Talmadge,.....                  | 12 32                             |              |    |            | 3 00 |                  |               |              |
| William Hanford,...  | Hudson,.....                    |                                   | 2            | 62 | 43         | 00   | 5                | 34            | 3            |
| Joseph Treat,.....   | Sharon,.....                    | 13 52                             | 1            | 57 |            |      | 10               | 32            | 10           |
| Alvan Coe,.....      | Without a Pastoral Charge,..... |                                   |              |    |            |      |                  |               |              |
| Benjamin Fenn.....   | Nelson,.....                    | 1 00                              |              |    |            |      | 5                | 39            | 6            |
| Vacant; united able  | { Atwater,.....                 | 11 06                             | 1            | 00 |            |      | 12               | 3             |              |
| to support a Pastor, | { Randolph,.....                | 5 00                              | 1            | 00 |            |      |                  |               |              |
| do.                  | { Rootstown,.....               |                                   |              |    |            |      |                  |               | 6            |
| do.                  | { Florence,.....                | 9 17                              |              |    |            |      |                  |               |              |
| do.                  | { Huron,.....                   | 7 00                              |              |    |            |      |                  |               |              |
| do.                  | { Wheatsborough,.....           |                                   |              |    |            |      |                  |               |              |
|                      | 28 Congregations.               | 128 60                            | 13           | 82 | 61         | 55   | 49               | 356           | 54           |

Vacant congregations unable to support a Pastor; Burrell's Settlement, \$2. 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ , Miss. fund; Franklin, \$10, Ed. fund; Mantua, Stow, Wadsworth, City of Sanduskey, Harrisville, Brooklyn, Margaretta, Palmyra, Brownhelm, Fitchville, Shalersville, \$2, Missionary fund.

The Presbytery further report, that on the 15th of June, the received under their care Mr. Benjamin Fenn, a licentiate from the association of New Naven, west, and on the 16th of June, they ordained him a Minister of the Gospel and installed him Pastor of the congregation in Nelson.

The Presbytery further report, that they have received \$12. 25 for the Missionary fund, from sources not mentioned in the above report. They have also received for the same purpose a silver watch.\*

The Presbytery of Redstone reported; their report was accepted, and is as follows, viz:

\*The Presbytery of Portage at the time of their formation, in December, 1818 formed themselves into a Missionary Society, to be known by the name of the Portage Missionary Society, for the purpose of supplying the destitute settlements with in their bounds. It is contemplated by the Society to become auxiliary to some Missionary Society, recognized by the General Assembly.



The Presbytery of Redstone report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 20 members, and have under their care 40 congregations, viz :

| MINISTERS.           | CONGREGATIONS.                     | Miss. Fund. |    | Conn's Fund. |    | Added last y. | Total in Conn. | Infants Bap. | Adults Bap. |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----|--------------|----|---------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
|                      |                                    | D.          | C. | D.           | C. |               |                |              |             |
| James Power, D. D.,  | Without a Charge,.....             |             |    |              |    |               |                |              |             |
| Samuel Porter,.....  | Congruity,.....                    | 8           | 12 |              |    |               |                |              |             |
| Joseph Henderson,... | Ebenezer and Bethel,.....          | 34          | 03 |              |    |               |                |              |             |
| George Hill,.....    | Fairfield and Ligonier,.....       | 9           | 62 | 3            |    |               |                |              |             |
| William Swan,.....   | Long Run and Sewickly,.....        | 17          | 15 |              |    | 7             | 136            | 16           |             |
| William Speer,.....  | Greensburg and Unity,.....         | 13          | 00 |              |    | 15            | 211            | 24           |             |
| Francis Herron,..... | 1st Church, Pittsburgh,.....       | 177         | 58 |              |    |               |                |              |             |
| Francis Laird,.....  | Plumb Creek and Poke Run,.....     | 12          |    | 9            | 13 |               |                |              |             |
| William Wylie,.....  | Uniontown,.....                    |             |    |              |    |               |                |              |             |
| Robert Johnston,...  | Rehoboth and Round Hill,.....      | 36          | 50 |              |    | 58            | 168            | 56           | 9           |
| James Graham,.....   | Beulah,.....                       | 30          |    |              |    | 12            | 136            | 14           |             |
| Joseph Stockton,...  | Stated Supply Pine Creek,.....     | 2           |    |              |    | 15            | 53             | 35           | 1           |
| Robert Patterson,... | Highlands,.....                    |             |    |              |    | 11            | 104            | 11           |             |
| Robert Lee,.....     | Salem,.....                        | 11          | 25 | 4            | 35 |               |                |              |             |
| James Guthrie,.....  | Laurel Hill and Tyrone,.....       |             |    | 3            | 26 | 17            | 205            | 26           | 2           |
| William Johnston,... | Dunlap's Creek and Brownsville,... | 52          | 25 |              |    | 16            | 151            | 18           |             |
| John Ross,.....      | Somerset,.....                     |             |    | 11           | 44 | 4             | 24             |              |             |
| Ashbel G. Fairchild, | Stated Supply at Morgantown and    |             |    |              |    |               |                |              |             |
| .....                | George's Creek,.....               | 46          | 37 |              |    | 31            | 60             | 6            | 4           |
| Asa Brooks,.....     | French Creek and Buchannan,.....   |             |    |              |    |               |                |              |             |
| John Reed,.....      | Indiana and Gilgal,.....           |             |    |              |    |               |                |              |             |
|                      |                                    | 527         | 98 | 31           | 19 | 186           | 882            | 189          | 16          |

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor : 2d Church Pittsburgh, Sewickly and Mount Pleasant.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor : Saltsburgh, Armagh, Warren, Kittanning, Union, Donegal and Glade Run.

Presbytery further report, that they have on the 9th of Oct., 1818, dismissed the Rev. Thomas Hunt, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Ohio; and on the 21st day of October, in the same year, ordained Mr. John Reed, and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Indiana and Gilgal, and on the same day dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. William Swan and the Congregations of Long run and Sewickly; and also, on the 20th of April last, they received the Rev. Asa Brooks, from the central association of Hampshire, Mass., as a member of this Presbytery; and presented calls to him from the congregations of French creek and Buchannan, of which, he declared his acceptance. That at the same meeting of Presbytery the Rev. Wm. Swan accepted a call from the congregation of Long run, and the Rev. William Wylie, accepted a call from the congregation of Uniontown.

The Presbytery of Hartford reported; their report was accepted, and is as follows, viz:

The Presbytery of Hartford report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of 9 ministers, and have under their care 23 con-

gregations—that they did on the 20th of October last license Mr. William Reed to preach the gospel—and also on the 19th of January last they licensed Mr. Joseph Harper as a probationer for the gospel ministry.

| MINISTERS.            | CONGREGATIONS.                      | Miss. Fund. |    | Com.'s Fund. |    | Added last y'r. | Total in Com. | Adults Bap. | Infants Bap. | Total. |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|----|--------------|----|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------|
|                       |                                     | D.          | C. | D.           | C. |                 |               |             |              |        |
| Thomas E. Hughs,...   | Mount Pleasant,.....                |             |    |              |    | 4 40 20         | 164           | 1           | 30           | 31     |
| James Duncan,.....    | Without a charge,.....              |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |        |
| James Satterfield,... | Hubbard and Moorfield,.....         |             |    |              |    | 2 36 14         | 128           |             | 9            | 9      |
| Wm. Woods,.....       | .....                               |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |        |
| Chn't Valandingham    | New Lisbon,.....                    |             |    |              |    | 16              | 211           | 1           | 14           | 15     |
| Joshua Beer,.....     | Newton,.....                        |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |        |
| Robert Sample,.....   | New Castle and Slippery Rock,.....  |             |    |              |    | 3 00 14         | 152           | 2           | 23           | 25     |
| James Wright,.....    | Poland and Westfield,.....          |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |        |
| John Core,.....       | Youngstown, Vienna and Brookfield,. |             |    |              |    | 3 96 23         | 177           | 1           | 34           | 35     |

Licentiates: Wm. Reed, Joseph Harper.

Vacant congregations unable to support a Pastor—Beaver town, Long's run, New Salem, Canfield, Boardman, Yellow creek, Elsworth, Springfield and Deerfield.

The Rev. Messrs. J. M'Millan, D. D., and Moses Allen appeared and took their seats; their reasons for not attending sooner were sustained. The Rev. J. M'Millan, D. D., also assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Cephas Dodd appeared at this time and took his seat; he assigned reasons for not attending sooner, and also for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Robert Patterson appeared at this time; his reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

An appeal from a decision of the Presbytery of Ohio, by the Session of Washington congregation, in the case of Joseph Wherry against Dr. John Wishart, was brought up, and after hearing the parties at length,

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, Oct. 7th, 1819.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A missionary sermon was delivered last evening by the Rev. Francis Herron, from Psalm 67: 2—"That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations"—and a collection

taken up for the missionary fund, amounting to forty-seven dollars and sixty-two and a half cents.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Hartford, Portage, Grand River and Redstone, reported, and their respective records were generally approved.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie, reported that the records of said Presbytery had not been received.

Synod resumed the consideration of the appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Ohio, by the Session of Washington congregation. After considerable discussion had thereon,

On motion, adjourned to meet at half past 2 o'clock.

Half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Synod resumed the consideration of the appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Ohio, by the Session of Washington congregation; and after serious consideration,

On motion, Resolved, That the appeal of the Washington congregation be sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. George Scott and Harvey Coe, and Mr. Joseph Macurdy, Elder, obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the sessions.

Written narratives of the state of religion within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Ohio, Erie, Grand River and Portage, containing statements of a favorable aspect, were read and laid on the table.

On motion, Resolved, that the several Presbyteries within the bounds of this Synod, attend carefully to the previous injunction of the Synod, with regard to preparing written narratives of the state of religion within their bounds.

Whereas, it appears to this synod, that the Presbytery of Ohio have adopted a regulation, requiring such of its members who are the settled pastors of congregations, to pay over the moneys which they may receive for supplying vacant congregations, after deducting their necessary expenses, to the Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society, in aid of its funds.

Therefore, Resolved, That the above regulation be recommended to the consideration of the several Presbyteries within the bounds of this Synod.

A request for a division of the Presbytery of Ohio, by said Presbytery, was overtured; whereon it was Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, Samuel Tait and William Wyley be a committee to consider said request, and report thereon to-morrow morning.

The Rev. Messrs. A. G. Fairchild, Robert M'Garrough, Abraham Boyd, William Johnston and Abraham Boyd, with John Johnston, Elder, obtained leave of absence, during the remainder of the sessions.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY, Oct. 8th, 1819.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Whereas, Synod has been informed that one of the Presbyteries under its care has formed itself into a missionary society, with a view and expectation, (the Synod are persuaded,) that thereby it could more effectually promote the interest of missions. And whereas, the the Synod has been incorporated into a Missionary Society by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, such measures would eventually weaken the hands, if not in the issue, produce the dissolution of said Society. Therefore,

Resolved, That the aforesaid Presbytery is to consider itself collectively as a Presbytery, and individually, as members of the Synod, as a Missionary Society, under its direction, and to render annually an account, to the Synod, of its conduct and proceedings.

The Treasurer of the Missionary Society reported the state of the funds; and the Rev. Messrs. Robert Patterson and William M'Millan, were appointed a committee to examine his accounts.

The Board of Trust for the Western Missionary Society reported. Their report was accepted and their conduct approved.

The Portage Missionary Society presented their first annual report to the Synod, which was received, and their conduct approved.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, reported that they have examined and found them correct. The balance in favor of the Society, in the permanent fund, \$1788. 22, and in the contingent fund, \$1302. 74½.

Adjourned to meet at half past 2 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

HALF-PAST 2 o'clock,

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

On motion Resolved, That the Synod proceed to the election of a Board of Trust, for the ensuing year, when the Rev. Messrs. Elisha Macurdy, Joseph Patterson, Francis Herron, James Graham, Joseph Stockton and Michael Law, together with the Elders, James Cooper, John Hannon and Thomas Davis, were duly elected, to meet this evening at 7 o'clock, in this place, and afterward on their own adjournments.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio reported, and the records were generally approved, except in the proceedings of said Presbytery in their final decision on the charge of Dr. John Wishart, against the Rev. Andrew Wylie, on which the following resolution was adopted, viz :

Resolved, That this Synod disapprove the proceedings of the Presbytery of Ohio, in their final decision on the charge of Dr. John Wishart, against the Rev. Andrew Wylie.

The committee appointed to consider the request of the Presbytery

of Ohio for a division of said Presbytery, reported, and their report is as follows, viz :

That so much of the Presbytery of Ohio, as lies on the North West side of the river Ohio, including the Rev. Messrs. Lyman Potter, Joseph Anderson, Abraham Scott, James Snodgrass, John Rhea, Thomas Hunt, Thomas B. Clark and Obadiah Jennings, with their respective charges, be formed into a separate Presbytery, to be known by the name of the Presbytery of Steubenville, to meet at Steubenville on the 4th Wednesday of this inst., at 12 o'clock. To be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Lyman Potter, and in case of his absence, by the next senior minister, who is to preside until a Moderator be chosen.

The committee, at the request of the Presbytery aforesaid, further reported, that so much of the Presbytery of Ohio, as lies between the river Ohio, and the road leading from Georgetown to Washington, thence to Waynesburgh, and thence south to the boundary line of the Synod, including the Rev. Messrs. Thos. Marquis, George M. Scott, Elisha Macurdy, John Anderson, Cephas Dodd, Joseph Stevenson, James Harvey, Andrew Wylie and Thomas Hoge, with their respective charges, be formed into a separate Presbytery, to be known by the name of the Presbytery of Washington, to meet at Three Ridges on the 3d Tuesday of this inst., at 12 o'clock. To be opened with a sermon, by the Rev. Thomas Marquis, and in case of his absence, by the next senior Minister, who is to preside until a moderator shall be chosen.

And further that the Borough and Congregation of Washington, shall be considered as belonging to the Presbytery of Ohio, except the College of Washington, and that the town of Waynesburgh be considered as belonging to the Presbytery of Washington.

On motion, Resolved, That the whole of the above report be received and adopted.

Resolved, That Mr. Jacob Cozad, a licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Ohio, with consent of said Presbytery, be put under the care of the Presbytery of Washington.

Adjourned to meet at the 1st Presbyterian Church in the City of Pittsburgh, on the first Tuesday of October, 1820, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Pittsburgh, reported, and the Book was thus far approved, excepting the resolution on page 74, (p. 152.) disapproving of the proceedings of a Presbytery without assigning the reason.

Session of the General Assembly, May 24th, 1820.

JOHN M'DOWELL, *Moderator.*

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PITTSBURGH, October 7th, 1817.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. After prayer, it appeared that the following members were present. viz :

## MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Porter, William Speer, Francis Herron, Francis Laird, James Graham, Joseph Stockton, Robert Johnston, Robert Patterson, William Johnston, Ashbel G. Fairchild and John Reed ; with the Elders, Benjamin Allsworth, Joseph Baldrige, Thomas Hazelton, William D. Hawks, Allen Means, John Morse, Thomas Davis, Charles Carothers, John Macurdy and Archabald Coon.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., Joseph Patterson, Samuel Ralston, William Woods, William M'Millan, Andrew M'Donald, Michael Law, Moses Allen ; with the Elders, James Morrow and James Hare.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. Amos Chase, Robert M'Garrough, Johnston Eaton, John Munson and Phineas Camp.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford,—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hughes, William Woods, Clement Valandingham, Robert Sample, James Wright and John Core.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River,—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Giles H. Cowles, Jonathan Leslie and Alvan Hyde.

Of the Presbytery of Portage,—The Rev. Messrs. Caleb Pitkin, John Seward and Alvan Coe.

Of the Presbytery of Washington,—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Marquis, Elisha Macurdy, Joseph Stevenson, Andrew Wylie, James Hervey and Jacob Cozad ; with the Elder, John Orr.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville,—The Rev. Messrs. Lyman Potter, James Snodgrass, Abraham Scott and John Rhea.

## MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. James Power, D. D., Joseph Henderson, George Hill, William Swan, William Wylie, Robert Lee, James Guthrie and Asa Brooks.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. Messrs. Boyd Mercer, Matthew Brown and Alexander Cook.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Timothy Alden, Samuel Tait, Abraham Boyd, Cyrus Riggs, Reed Bracken, Ira Condit and John Reddick.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford,—The Rev. Messrs. Jas. Duncan, James Satterfield, Joshua Beer and Nathan B. Darraw.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River,—The Rev. Messrs. Ephriam T. Woodruff, Abiel Jones, Harvey Coe, Amasa Loomis, Luther Humphrey, William Strong and Randolph Stone.

Of the Presbytery of Portage,—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Barr, Simeon Woodruff, William Hanford, Joseph Treat, Benjamin Fenn, John Monteith and Lot. B. Sullivan.

Of the Presbytery of Washington,—The Rev. Messrs. George Scott, Cephas Dodd, John Anderson and Thomas Hoge.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville,—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Anderson, Thomas Hunt, Thomas B. Clark and Obadiah Jennings.

Synod Proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk. The Rev. Robert Johnston was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Andrew Wylie, Clerk.

After reading the minutes of the last meeting of Synod, the Rev. Messrs. Samuel Porter, Francis Laird, Joseph Patterson, Johnston Eaton, Phineas Camp, William Woods, Robert Sample, James Wright, John Core, Joseph Badger, Giles H. Cowles, Jonathan Leslie, Alvan Hyde and Caleb Pitkin, assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. Francis Laird, William M'Millan, Joseph Stevenson, Johnston Eaton, James Wright, Alvan Coe, Jonathan Leslie and James Snodgrass; with the Elders, Benjamin Allsworth, Thos. Hazelton and Thomas Davis, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. Michael Law and Thomas Marquis, were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Messrs. William Speer and Phineas Camp, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. Messrs. James Wright and Alvin Hyde, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie.

The Rev. Messrs. John Seward and James Hervey to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. Messrs. James Snodgrass and Caleb Pitkin, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Grand River.

The Rev. Messrs. Jonathan Leslie and John Rhea, to examine the records of Presbytery of Portage.

The Rev. Messrs. Robert Patterson and John Core, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Washington.

The Rev. Messrs. William Woods and Clement Valandingham, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Steubenville.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported. The report was received and is as follows, viz :

The Presbytery of Redstone report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of 21 ministers, and have under their care 40 Congregations, viz:

| NAMES OF MINISTERS.  | CONGREGATIONS.                                  | Miss. Fund. |    | Com. s Fund. |    | Added last y <sup>r</sup> . | Total in Com. | Adults Bap. | Infants Bap. |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|----|--------------|----|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                      |                                                 | D.          | C. | D.           | C. |                             |               |             |              |
| James Power, D. D.   | Without a Pastoral Charge,.....                 |             |    |              |    |                             |               |             |              |
| Joseph Henderson,.   | Bethel and Ebenezer,.....                       | 5           |    | 1            | 80 |                             |               |             |              |
| Samuel Porter,.....  | Congruity,.....                                 | 6           |    | 6            | 27 |                             |               |             |              |
| George Hill,.....    | Fairfield and Ligonier,.....                    |             |    |              |    |                             |               |             |              |
| William Swan,.....   | Long Run,.....                                  | 18          | 39 | 2            | 78 | 20                          | 92            | 5           | 21           |
| William Spear,....   | Greensburg and Unity,.....                      | 12          | 72 | 10           | 40 | 15                          | 232           | 5           | 22           |
| Francis Herron,....  | 1st Pres. Church, Pittsburgh,.....              | 80          | 50 | 19           | 00 | 21                          |               |             | 23           |
| Francis Laird,.....  | Poke Run and Plumb Creek,.....                  | 16          | 78 | 7            | 3  |                             |               |             |              |
| Joseph Stockton,...  | Stated supply at Allegheny and Pine Creek,..... |             |    |              |    | 15                          | 68            |             | 35           |
| Robert Lee,.....     | Without a Pastoral Charge,.....                 |             |    |              |    |                             |               |             |              |
| William Wylie,....   | Uniontown,.....                                 |             |    |              |    |                             |               |             |              |
| Robert Patterson,... | Highlands,.....                                 |             |    | 5            | 74 | 12                          | 115           | 5           | 19           |
| Robert Johnston,...  | Rehoboth and Round Hill,.....                   |             |    | 10           |    | 24                          | 181           | 7           | 31           |
| James Graham,....    | Beulah,.....                                    |             |    | 3            |    |                             |               |             |              |
| James Guthrie,....   | Laurel Hill and Tyrone,.....                    |             |    | 2            | 75 | 5                           | 203           | 1           | 12           |
| William Johnston,... | Dunlap's Creek and Brownsville,...              | 54          | 45 | 22           | 45 |                             |               |             |              |
| Ashbel G. Fairchild, | Stated Supply at Morgantown,.....               |             |    |              |    | 57                          | 80            | 7           | 13           |
| John Reed,.....      | Indiana and Gilgal,.....                        |             |    | 5            |    |                             |               |             |              |
| Asa Brook,.....      | French Creek and Buckannan,.....                |             |    |              |    |                             |               |             |              |
| Elisha P. Swift,.... | 2d Pres. Church, Pittsburgh,.....               |             |    | 11           |    |                             |               |             |              |
| Aretus Loomis,....   | Tygart's Valley,.....                           |             |    |              |    |                             |               |             |              |
|                      |                                                 | 193         | 84 | 110          | 22 | 154                         | 903           | 34          | 141          |

Vacant Congregations able to support a Pastor : Salem, Sewickley and Mount Pleasant.

Vacant Congregations unable to support a Pastor : Kittanning, Saltsburgh, Wheatfield, Donegal, Warren and Glade Run.

Presbytery further report, that on the 20th of October last, they dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. John Ross and the congregation of Somerset, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Washington, Ohio,—and on the same day received the Rev. Elisha P. Swift, as a member of their Presbytery, from the Presbytery of New Castle, and on the 1st Wednesday of November last, installed him pastor of the 2d Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. That they have on the 20th of October last, dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. Robert Lee, to the congregation of Salem, and on the 18th of April last, received as a member of their Presbytery the Rev. Aretus Loomis from the central Association of Hampshire county, Massachusetts, and presented him with calls from the upper and lower Congregations of Tygart's Valley, which he accepted.

The Presbytery of Ohio reported; the report was received and approved.

[This report was not received by the Stated Clerk.]

The Presbytery of Erie reported; the report was received and is as follows :



The Presbytery of Erie report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of 13 members and have under their care 47 Congregations, viz :

| MINISTERS.              | CONGREGATIONS.                             | Edu. Fund. |    | Miss. Fund. |    | Com. s Fund. |    | Added last y'r. | Total in Com. | Adults Bap. | Infants Bap. |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------|----|-------------|----|--------------|----|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                         |                                            | D.         | C. | D.          | C. | D.           | C. |                 |               |             |              |
| John M'Pherrin,...      | Butler and Concord,.....                   |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Amos Chase,.....        | Without a Pastoral Charge,.....            |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Timothy Alden,.....     | President of Allegheny College,.....       |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Samuel Tate,.....       | Mercer and Salem,.....                     |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Abraham Boyd,.....      | Bull Creek and Deer Creek,.....            | 2          |    |             |    |              |    | 7               | 65            |             | 6            |
| Robert M'Garrough,..... | New Rehoboth and Licking,.....             | 25         |    |             |    |              |    | 20              | 187           | 2           | 24           |
| Cyrus Riggs,.....       | Scrubgrass and Unity,.....                 |            |    | 5 00        |    | 3 00         |    | 8               | 135           |             | 16           |
| Johnston Eaton,.....    | Fairview and Erie,.....                    | 20         |    |             |    | 8 87         |    | 16              | 86            | 1           | 6            |
| Reed Bracken,.....      | Nebo and Middlesex,.....                   |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Ira Condit,.....        | Fairfield, Big Sugar Creek and Sandy,..... |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
| John Reddick,.....      | Slatelick and Union,.....                  | 5          |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
| John Munson,.....       | Plaingrove and Centre,.....                | 1          |    | 13 00       |    | 3 00         |    | 40              | 204           | 3           | 22           |
| Phineas Camp,.....      | Westfield,.....                            |            |    |             |    | 3 00         |    | 19              | 60            |             | 5            |

Female Mite Society of Scrubgrass, \$9.87½; Young mens' Education Society of Fairview, \$4.50; Female Cent Society, Fairview, \$9.50; by Mr. J. Munson, \$1.00

Vacant Congregations, Meadville, Conneautt Lake, Gravel run, Upper Union, Middlebrook, Waterford, Conneautt, Cussawaga, Springfield, North East, Warren, Beech Woods, Lottsville, Brokenstraw, Oil creek, Miles grove, Franklin, Amity, Richland, Bear creek and Red Bank.

The Presbytery further report that on the 7th, day of October, 1819, they dissolved the Pastoral relation of the Rev. Reed Bracken to the Congregation of Plain; and on the 28th day of Sept., 1820, installed him the pastor of the Congregation of Middlesex.

The Presbytery of Hartford reported; their report was received, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Hartford report, that since their last report, they have received the Rev. Nathan B. Darrow, who was dismissed from this to join the Louisville Presbytery, but again returned without joining said Presbytery; that on the 11th of April last they dismissed Mr. Joseph Harper, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Richland; that they now consist of 10 members, having under their care twenty-two congregations and two licentiates, viz:

| MINISTERS.            | CONGREGATIONS.                     | Commission-<br>er's Fund. | Added last year. | Total in Com. | Adults Rep. | Infants Rep. |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| Thomas E. Hughes,...  | Mount Pleasant,.....               | 3 12                      | 10               | 156           |             | 32           |
| James Duncan,.....    | Without a pastoral charge,.....    |                           |                  |               |             |              |
| James Satterfield,... | Hubbert and Moortfield,.....       | 2 90                      | 20               | 144           | 3           | 10           |
| William Woods,.....   | Hopewell and Neshanock,.....       | 2 63                      | 41               | 233           | 7           | 26           |
| Clm't Valandingham    | New Lisbon,.....                   | 3 62                      | 34               | 239           | 2           | 35           |
| Robert Semple,.....   | New Castle and Slippery Rock,..... | 2 66                      | 18               | 167           | 1           | 26           |
| James Wright,.....    | Poland and Westfield,.....         | 2 62                      | 28               | 174           | 1           | 29           |
| John Core,.....       | Youngstown and Brookfield,.....    | 2 51                      | 18               | 127           | 2           | 20           |
| Joshua Beer,.....     | Newton,.....                       |                           |                  |               |             |              |
| Nathan B. Darrow,...  | Without a pastoral charge,.....    |                           |                  |               |             |              |
|                       |                                    | 22 07                     | 169              | 1240          | 11          | 178          |

Vacant congregations, and united, able to support a minister: Beaver town and Yellow creek.

Vacant and unable to support a pastor: Long's Run and New Salem, Canfield, Boardman, Vienna, Bethesda and Elsworth.

Licentiates: James Robertson and William Reed.

The Presbytery of Grand River reported; the report was received, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Grand River report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 12 members, and have under their care 23 congregations, viz:

| MINISTERS.             | CONGREGATIONS.                     | Commission-<br>er's Fund. | Added last year. | Total in Com. | Adults Rep. | Infants Rep. |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| Joseph Badger,.....    | Ashtabula,.....                    |                           | 5 31             |               |             | 1            |
| Giles H. Cowles,.....  | Austinburgh,.....                  | 2 00                      | 106              |               |             | 5            |
| Eph. J. Woodruff,..... | Wayne,.....                        | 2 00                      | 10 51            | 1             | 19          |              |
| Abiel Jones,.....      | Farmington,.....                   |                           |                  |               |             |              |
| Jonathan Leslie,.....  | Harpersfield and Geneva,.....      | 1 26                      | 1 55             |               |             | 1            |
| Harvey Coe,.....       | Vernon, Hartford and Kinsman,..... | 5 26                      | 2 104            |               |             | 16           |
| Amasa Loomis,.....     | Painesville,.....                  | 1 50                      | 7                |               |             |              |
| Luther Humphrey,.....  | Burton,.....                       | 2 33                      | 2 44             | 1             | 9           |              |
| Joseph W. Curtis,..... | Warren,.....                       |                           |                  |               |             |              |
| Randolph Stone,.....   | Morgan,.....                       |                           | 3 33             |               |             | 9            |
| Arvan Hyde,.....       | Madison,.....                      | 3 31                      | 16 40            | 3             | 11          |              |
| William Stroug,.....   | Thompson and Huntsburg,.....       |                           |                  |               |             |              |

Vacant congregations: Johnson, Westfield, Mesopotamia, Bracerville, Kirtland, Rome and Salem.

Candidates: Three.

The Presbytery of Portage reported; the report was received, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Portage report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that the consist of 9 members, and have under their care 33 congregations, and 1 licentiate.

| MINISTERS.           | CONGREGATIONS.                                      | Miss. Fund. |    | Com's Fund. |    | Edu. Fund. |    | Total in Com.<br>Aided last year. | Adults Rep. | Infants Bap. |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|----|-------------|----|------------|----|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                      |                                                     | d.          | c. | d.          | c. | d.         | c. |                                   |             |              |
| Caleb Pitkin,....    | Charlestown,.....                                   | 5           | 33 | 1           |    |            |    | 5                                 | 37          | 1 4          |
| John Seward,....     | Aurora,.....                                        | 4           |    | 2           |    | 31         | 62 | 71                                |             | 10           |
| Simeon Woodruff,.... | .....                                               | 14          |    |             |    | 18         | 84 |                                   |             |              |
| William Hanford,.... | Hudson,.....                                        | 7           | 31 | 2           |    | 15         | 62 | 7                                 | 11          | 6            |
| Joseph Treat,....    | Windham,.....                                       | 20          | 48 | 1           | 25 |            |    | 8                                 | 40          | 1 24         |
| Alvan Coe,.....      | Without Pastoral Charge,.....                       |             |    |             |    |            |    |                                   |             |              |
| Benjamin Fenn,....   | Nelson,.....                                        | 13          | 31 | 1           |    | 2          |    | 32                                |             |              |
| Lot B. Sullivan,.... | Lyme,.....                                          |             |    |             |    |            |    | 3                                 | 11          |              |
| John Monteith,....   | Detroit,.....                                       |             |    |             |    |            |    |                                   |             |              |
|                      | Euclid and Brooklyn,.....                           | 13          | 89 | 2           |    |            |    | 7                                 | 56          | 7            |
|                      | Strongsville and Bricksville,.....                  | 12          |    |             |    |            |    | 30                                |             | 5 10         |
|                      | Florence and Brownhelm,.....                        | 6           | 08 |             |    |            |    |                                   |             |              |
|                      | Norwalk and Huron,.....                             |             |    |             |    |            |    | 6                                 | 19          | 1 12         |
|                      | Granger, Medina, Harrisville and<br>Wadsworth,..... | 10          | 06 | 1           | 25 |            |    | 7                                 | 37          | 1 9          |
|                      | Rootstown, Palmyra, Atwater and<br>Randolph,.....   | 19          | 93 |             | 72 |            |    | 11                                | 22          | 1            |
|                      | Mantua,.....                                        | 2           | 50 |             | 87 |            |    | 1                                 | 29          | 1 4          |
|                      | Shalersville,.....                                  |             |    |             |    |            |    |                                   |             |              |
|                      | Franklin,.....                                      | 1           | 50 |             |    |            |    | 8                                 |             | 1            |
|                      | Thorndyke,.....                                     |             |    |             |    |            |    |                                   |             |              |
|                      | Stow,.....                                          | 2           | 50 |             | 69 |            |    | 1                                 | 15          | 1 19         |

Vacant congregations, and unable to support a pastor: City of Sandusky, Missionary Fund \$5,54; Margaretta, Fitchville, Burrells Settlement, Missionary Fund \$4,31; Dover, Missionary Fund \$5.

1 Licentiate: Alfred H. Betts.

The Presbytery further report, that on the 5th day of April, 1820, they licensed Alfred H. Betts to preach the gospel; that on the 14th of June they received under their care, ordained to the work of the ministry and installed pastor of the congregation in Lyme, Mr. Lot B. Sullivan, who was recommended as a Licentiate by the Presbytery of Geneva; and that on the 7th of September, following, they admitted the Rev. John Monteith a member of the Presbytery; Mr. Monteith was recommended by the Presbytery of New Brunswick; that on the 8th day of February, 1820, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Thomas Barr to the congregation in Euclid, dismissed him from this Presbytery, and recommended him to the Presbytery of Richland.

The Presbytery of Washington reported; the report was received, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Washington report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 10 members, and have under their care 19 congregations and 1 licentiate, viz:

| MINISTERS.       | CONGREGATIONS.                          | Com's Fund. |        | Miss Fund. |         | Education Fund. |         | Added last y'r. | Total In Com. | Adults Bap. | Infants Bap. |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|--------|------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                  |                                         | D.          | C.     | D.         | C.      | D.              | C.      |                 |               |             |              |
| Thomas Marquis,  | Cross Creek,.....                       | 4 00        | 38 00  |            |         | 87 00           | 18 260  | 1               | 25            |             |              |
| George M. Scott, | Mill Creek and Flats,.....              | 1 29        | 21 82  |            |         |                 | 20 247  | 6               | 44            |             |              |
| John Anderson,   | Upper Buffalo,.....                     | 5 75        | 66 50  |            |         | 23 25           | 22      | 3               | 30            |             |              |
| Elisha Macurdy,  | Cross Roads and Three Springs,...       | 4 00        | 150 92 |            |         | 73 00           | 11 35 0 | 1               | 20            |             |              |
| Cephas Dodd,     | Stated supply at Lower Ten Mile,...     |             |        |            |         |                 |         |                 |               |             |              |
| Jos. Stevenson,  | Three Ridges,.....                      | 4 00        | 15 00  |            |         |                 | 19 148  | 3               | 24            |             |              |
| Andrew Wylie,    | Pres't of Washington College.....       |             |        |            |         |                 |         |                 |               |             |              |
| James Harvey,    | Forks of Wheeling & Wheelingtwn,        | 3 00        | 31 00  |            |         | 23 00           | 22 128  | 1               | 27            |             |              |
| Thomas Hoge,     | Stated sup. at E. Buffalo & Claysville, | 2 00        | 5 00   |            |         |                 |         | 14              | 5             |             |              |
| Jacob Cozad,     | Lower Buffalo,.....                     | 3 32        | 5 00   |            |         |                 | 14 52   |                 |               |             |              |
|                  |                                         | 27 36       | 206 24 | 216 25     | 128 120 | 51 180          |         |                 |               |             |              |

1 Licentiate, viz: Andrew O. Patterson.

Vacant congregation, able to support a pastor, viz: Upper Ten Mile.

Vacant, unable to support a pastor: West Liberty, Unity, Crab Apple, Charlestown, and Waynesburg.

Presbytery farther report, that on the 5th day of January, 1820, they ordained and set apart to the holy office of the gospel ministry Mr. Jacob Cozad, and installed him pastor of the congregation of Lower Buffalo; and on the same day they licensed Mr. Andrew O. Patterson, as a probationer, to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Presbytery of Steubenville reported; the report was received, and is follows:

The Presbytery of Steubenville report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 7 members, and have under their care 12 congregations, 1 licentiate, and 1 candidate, viz:

| MINISTERS.           | CONGREGATIONS.                 | Education Fund |    | Miss'y Fund. |    | Com's Fund: |    | Added last year. | Total In Com. | Adults Bap. | Infants Bap. |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----|--------------|----|-------------|----|------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                      |                                | D.             | C. | D.           |    | D.          | C. |                  |               |             |              |
| Lyman Potter,.....   | No Pastoral Charge,.....       |                |    |              |    |             |    |                  |               |             |              |
| Joseph Anderson,...  | Richland and Short creek,..... |                |    |              |    | 3           | 50 | 17               | 194           | 2           | 8            |
| James Snodgrass,...  | Island Creek,.....             |                |    | 9            | 33 | 3           | 00 |                  |               |             |              |
| John Rhea,.....      | Beech Spring,.....             |                |    | 19           | 00 | 4           | 00 | 8                | 183           | 1           | 40           |
| Thomas Hunt,.....    | Two Ridges and Richmond,.....  | 5              | 00 |              |    | 3           | 00 | 10               | 61            | 1           | 7            |
| Abraham Scott,.....  | No Pastoral Charge,.....       |                |    |              |    |             |    |                  |               |             |              |
| Obadiah Jennings,... | Steubenville,.....             |                |    |              |    |             |    |                  |               |             |              |

1 Licentiate, viz: Salmon Cowles,

1 Candidate, viz: William Wallace.

Vacant congregations, able to support a pastor, viz: Crab Apple, Freeport and Notingham, united.

Vacant, unable to support a pastor: Centre and Cadiz.

Presbytery farther report, that on the 27th of October, 1819, they did dismiss Mr. Arch. Hanna, a licentiate under their care, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Richland; and on the 18th of April, 1820, they also dismissed the Rev. Thomas B. Clark, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Lancaster or Washington; and also, that they did on the 19th of the same month license Mr. Salmon Cowles to preach the gospel.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

OCTOBER 4th, 1820, 9 o'clock.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A sermon was delivered last evening by the Rev. John Seward, Moderator of the last year, on Matthew 9: 37, 38—"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into the harvest."

The Rev. Messrs. Matthew Brown, Nathan B. Darrow and Cyrus Riggs appeared at this time and took their seats; their reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

The Rev. Hezekiah Woodruff, a member of the Presbytery of Geneva, being present, was invited and took his seat as a corresponding member.

The following enquiry was presented to the consideration of Synod, viz:

Is it consistent with the character of a christian, and more especially with the character of a minister of the gospel, to become a Free Mason? and if not, ought not the Synod to express their disapprobation of Masonry?

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. William Speer, Matthew Brown and Thomas E. Hughes, together with the Elders Thos. Hazleton and Thomas Davis, be appointed a committee to consider and report thereon to-morrow morning.

Application for direction was made by the Presbytery of Hartford in relation to the receiving the Rev. James Robinson, a foreign minister, into communion with them, together with a statement of their proceedings on the subject.

Whereupon, on motion, Resolved, That the Synod approve of the proceedings of the Presbytery in the same, and direct the Presbytery to proceed to a final issue thereof, agreeably to the regulations of the General Assembly in relation to receiving foreign ministers.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Cephas Dodd appeared at this time and took his seat—his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presby-

teries of Redstone, Hartford, Portage, Grand River, Ohio, Erie and Washington, reported; their reports were received, and the records approved.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Steubenville, reported that the records of said Presbytery had not been received.

The following enquiry was received from the committee of Bills and Overtures, viz:

Is it proper that there should be an intercommunion between Presbyterians and those denominations who hold Arminian sentiments?

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Sam'l Ralston, Jas. Graham and John Seward be a committee to report on the above to-morrow morning.

A petition from the Presbytery of Erie was received, praying for a division of said Presbytery.

On motion, Resolved, That so much of said Presbytery as lies south of the line commencing at the mouth of Little Neshannock, thence up Big Neshannock to the mouth of Yellow creek, thence up Yellow creek to Hosack's mill, thence along the Mercer road to Franklin, and north of Franklin to the mouth of French creek, thence up the Allegheny river to the State line; including the Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Abraham Boyd, Robert M'Garrough, Cyrus Riggs, Reed Bracken, John Reddick and John Munson, with their respective charges; be formed into a separate Presbytery, to be known by the name of the Presbytery of Allegheny—to meet at the town of Butler, on the first Tuesday of April, 1821, at 12 o'clock; to be opened with a sermon by the Rev. John M'Pherrin, and in case of his absence, by the next senior minister present, who is to preside until a Moderator be chosen.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

OCTOBER 5th, 1820, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Obadiah Jennings appeared at this time and took his seat; his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The Rev. Francis Laird obtained leave of absence, during the remainder of the sessions.

Written narratives of the state of religion within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio, Hartford, Grand River, Erie and Portage, containing statements of a favorable aspect, were read, and laid on the table. Reasons were assigned by the Presbyteries of Washington and Steubenville for their not having complied with the standing order of Synod on this subject, which were sustained.

A missionary sermon was delivered last evening by the Rev. Jno. Rhea, on Luke 14: 23—"And the Lord said unto the servant, go out into the high ways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

The committee appointed on the subject of occasional intercommunion between Presbyterians and those denominations who hold Arminian sentiments, reported. After being duly considered and amended,

On motion, Resolved, That the said report be adopted, and is as follows :

The committee to which the subject of *intercommunion* with those who hold Arminian sentiments was committed, report—

That after giving it all the attention which the importance of the subject demanded, they are of opinion, that for Presbyterians to hold communion, in *sealing ordinances*, with those who deny the doctrines of grace, viz: The total depravity of human nature—salvation by grace through the blood of Christ, &c., &c.—is highly prejudicial to “the truth as it is in Jesus” Nor can such intercommunion answer any valuable purpose to those who practice it; “as two cannot walk together unless they are agreed.” Yet, as there are persons who have received distorted views of the doctrines of grace, who do, notwithstanding, admit these doctrines in fact, although they are prejudiced against the terms generally used in the discussion of these subjects, your committee are of opinion that should any such manifest a desire to hold communion with us, that after having conversed with, and received satisfaction on these and other points, on which their church and ours disagree, and having obtained satisfactory evidence of their piety, charity requires that they should be admitted to occasional intercommunion.

The consideration of a minute of the Presbytery of Erie, by which it appeared that said Presbytery had inflicted censure on the Session of the Church of North East, having been also committed to your committee,

Your committee farther report, that they highly approve of the zeal for the purity of the Church manifested by the Presbytery of Erie in the case, as they believe it proceeded from a love of the truth and a desire to promote the glory of God. But your committee are of opinion, that the Presbytery of Erie in disapproving the conduct of the Session of the Church of North East, expressed themselves in terms too general; inasmuch as the censure, as it stands upon their records, seems to intimate an opinion, that no Methodist should be permitted, on any occasion, or in any circumstances, to take an active part in concerts for prayer in any of our churches.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Joshua Beer appeared at this time; his reasons for not attending sooner, also for not attending the two former meetings of Synod, were sustained.

The Board of Trust for the Western Missionary Society reported; their report was accepted, and their conduct approved.

The Treasurer of the Missionary Society reported the state of the Funds; and the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Stevenson and Cyrus Riggs were appointed a committee to examine his accounts.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accompts reported, that they have examined and found them correct. The balance in favor of the Society in the permanent fund is \$1,788.22, and in the contingent fund \$1,242.14½.

A memorial from Mr. And'w Gwin, praying for a rehearing in his case, was read. And on motion,

Resolved, That the said memorial be referred to the Rev. Messrs. William Speer, Cyrus Riggs, John Seward, with Messrs. Thomas Davis and Thos. Hazleton, Elders, who were appointed a committee to consider and report thereon.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

OCTOBER 6th, 1820, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, except the Rev. Ashbel G. Fairchild, who obtained leave of absence, during the remainder of the sessions.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Mr. And'w Gwin, reported, that although they consider his application ought to have been made directly to the Presbytery of Ohio; yet as it has been presented to the Synod, your committee having attended to the subject, offer the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That Mr. Andrew Gwin be advised to present his request for a rehearing to the Presbytery of Ohio; and that it be recommended to that Presbytery to hear his request and his reasons for making it, and if they then judge it expedient, that they grant his request.

On motion, Resolved, That the above report be received and adopted.

The Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Portage reported to the Synod.

On motion, Resolved, That the report be received, and the conduct of the Society cordially approved.

The committee to whom was referred the enquiry on the subject of Masonry, reported; the report was received, and is as follows, viz:

The committee appointed by the Synod to consider the enquiry respecting Free Masonry, report—

That having seriously deliberated on the same, they are of opinion that this subject imperiously demands the attention of this Synod and of the church at large.

We are aware that in discharging our duty, and in the expression of our sentiments relative to Masonic Societies, unpleasant sensations may be excited in the minds of many who are alive to every thing affecting in any way the supposed sacredness of their Order.



We are also aware that the subject ought to be treated with due caution, so as not unnecessarily to provoke hostility, and with suitable respect to some valuable members of society, who are partial to Masonry and still connected with its Institutions, as well as those, who upon experience of the practical effects of Masonry, have discontinued their attendance on their lodges.

Nevertheless, it appears to us to be the duty of the Synod, firmly to bear their testimony, and freely express their sentiments on this subject; and also to warn and admonish the professors of religion with whom they are specially connected, against becoming members of Free Mason Lodges; or if members, against continuing to attend on their meetings.

Your committee do not design to trace the origin, nor to enter into a discussion on the merits of Masonry. We do not mean to urge the strong objection against the very nature of this institution, from the fact of keeping secret from the world that which is held to be so important to the objects of charity and benevolence—and also from the requisition of an oath of secrecy without knowing its nature or object—nor to dwell on the suspicious character of a society which seeks concealment and darkness for its proceedings.

Your committee chiefly confine their attention to the effects of these societies on religion and morals. In this view we think it an incumbent duty, solemnly and affectionately to warn our members, and especially our youth.

We ask, what good moral effects have these societies *ever* produced? What reformations have they *ever* effected? What youth have they *ever* reclaimed? What christian has *ever* improved in piety by entering a Masonic Lodge and holding fellowship with its members? Is such a fellowship *at all* consistent with communion, with the people of God, and with the Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ. And what christian, eminent for piety has not abandoned his intercourse with them.

How many mournful instances of degradation and ruin to the bodies and souls of men, may be traced to a connection and intercourse with such characters, as too generally compose the lodges in our country? At how vast a risk does any one, and especially an ungarded youth enter an association, embracing with equal affection, the Pagan, the Deist, the Turk and the Christian? How humiliating and disgusting must it be to persons of intelligence and taste, to mingle in the close intimacy of brotherhood with those whose Society they would spurn on all ordinary occasions?

We think it not unimportant to notice also, how inconsistent, with the holy charity and extensive benevolence of the Gospel, that peculiar attachment and preference of the brethren, which is the boast of their order,—a preference not founded on intrinsic worth, but merely on the bodies of Masonry, not to mention the baleful influence which masonic partialities may be expected to produce, in the distribution of justice, in elections or appointments to office, and in the various transactions of Society.

How vain, also, if not presumptuous, the pretence of instituting a Society the benevolence of which shall exceed the charity enforced by the son of God. The Gospel of Christ explains and enforces with the highest possible motives, the principles of charity. The Gospel and its rites and institutions are the means appointed by God for the reformation of the world. It needs not the *lights nor the aids* of masonry, by which it is unknown to us, that one instance of genuine reformation was ever effected.

We also consider masonry, in excluding from its rites and its confidence and privileges all females, as insulting to the dignity, and hostile to the comfort of the most amiable part of our species.

Woman was destined by our benevolent Creator to be the affectionate friend, the counsellor and most intimate confident of man. It is believed, therefore, that a man of a generous spirit and affectionate heart, will hesitate before entering an institution, which would forbid him to intrust to the wife of his bosom, secret communications, imparted to the most worthless of his own sex,—and which would alienate from her and her children their common property, without the privilege of being permitted to know for what purpose, or to what object.

We think it also, not unworthy the consideration of American youth, who justly revere the free political institutions of their country, what a dangerous medium Secret Societies have furnished to designing men, for accomplishing purposes ruinous to the interests of other Governments, and how dangerous they may yet prove to our own.

Under the influence of the above, and other reflections, your committee would not hesitate to say to all the members of our church, and especially to our youth, “come out from among them and be separate” “have no communion with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them,” and do recommend to the Synod to adopt the following resolutions.

1st. Resolved, That Masonic Lodges, especially as composed and conducted in various parts of our country, have had, and are calculated to have a pernicious influence on morals and religion; and that attendance on those is unsuitable to the profession of the holy religion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2d. That it is the duty of all ministers of the Gospel, elders, parents and professing christians, to use their influence, to prevent those under their care, from entering these associations, and to induce them who may have entered, to discontinue their attendance on them.

3d. The Synod deeply impressed with concern for the general interests of Society, civil and religious, and particularly with concern for some amiable men, who now stand connected with the aforesaid Society, do recommend to them, to take with earnestness the course of safety for themselves; and in the present crisis of the conflict of the kingdom of God, with the kingdom of darkness, to show themselves on the Lord's side, and to perform zealously the duties which

their attitude in relation to the church of Christ, and to those societies, particularly recommend, so as not only to promote the cause of godliness generally, but also the eternal welfare of their brethren with whom they may be connected, and upon whom they may exert a salutary influence.

After a serious consideration and discussion of this report; On motion, Resolved, That it be referred to the consideration of the next General Assembly.

On motion, Resolved, That the Synod proceed to the election of a Board of Trust for the ensuing year, whereupon the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson, Elisha Macurdy, Francis Herron, Joseph Stockton, Michael Law and E. P. Swift; together with the Elders, Messrs. James Cooper, John Hannon and Thomas Davis were duly elected, to meet this afternoon at half past 2 o'clock, in this place and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Porter, Phineas Camp and Caleb Pitkin, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

Adjourned to meet at half-past 2 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

HALF-PAST 2 o'clock.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above, with the exception of those who had obtained leave of absence. After prayer, the minutes of the last session were read.

The following resolutions relating to the establishment of a Theological Seminary, in the bounds of this Synod, were brought before Synod, viz:

1st. Resolved, That it is expedient for this Synod, to take measures to establish a Theological Seminary within their bounds.

2d. Resolved, That the said Seminary shall be located in the Borough of Washington, Pennsylvania, upon the following conditions, viz:

1st. That the Boards of Trustees of the Colleges of Washington and Jefferson, shall enter into an agreement to unite the said Colleges, with a stipulation, that the united literary institution shall be established at Canonsburgh.

2d. That the united College shall agree to appropriate the College premises and buildings thereon, erected in Washington, and also the funds, or a proportion thereof, for the use of a Theological Seminary, or Professorship or Professorships to be therein established with the concurrence of this Synod.

3d. That an act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania be obtained, should the same be found necessary, to sanction the measures aforesaid.

4th. That these resolutions be submitted to the Boards of Washington and Jefferson Colleges, and provided, the respective Boards concur therein, that commissioners be appointed to take measures to prepare the contemplated plan for the consideration of the next Synod.

Resolved, That the motion to adopt these resolutions be postponed, in order to introduce a substitute, viz: that the first two resolutions, with the conditions annexed to the second, be referred to the Boards of Trustees of the Colleges of Washington and Jefferson for their consideration.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Marquis, Thomas Hoge, James Harvey and William Johnston; with James Hare, Elder, be a committee to confer with the Boards of Jefferson and Washington Colleges, on these resolutions, and report at the next meeting of Synod; and that the Stated Clerk furnish a copy thereof to each Board of Trustees, and that it be recommended to this committee to endeavour to effect a meeting with said Boards on this subject, in April next, or sooner, if found practicable.

Adjourned to meet in the 1st Presbyterian Church in the city of Pittsburgh, on the 1st Wednesday of October, A. D., 1821, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Session of General Assembly, May 23, 1821. Thus far approved by the General Assembly.

WILLIAM HILL, *Moderator.*

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 3d, 1821.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. The moderator of the last year being absent the Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Joseph Badger, the oldest member present.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone:—The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Porter, William Speer, Francis Herron, Joseph Stockton, David Barclay, Robert Patterson, Elisha P. Swift and John Reed; with the Elders Messrs. John Hannon and John Douglas.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio:—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., Joseph Patterson and Andrew M'Donald.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford:—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hughes, James Wright and John Core.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River:—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Ephraim Woodruff, Luther Humphrey and Amasa Loomis.

Of the Presbytery of Portage:—The Rev. Messrs. William Hanford, Joseph Treat, Lot B. Sullivan and Alvan Coc.

Of the Presbytery of Washington:—The Rev. Messrs. George Scott, John Anderson, D. D., Elisha Macurdy and Jacob Cozad; with the Elders Messrs. John Dinsmore, George Anderson and John Thompson.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville:—The Rev. Obadiah Jennings.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone:—The Rev. Messrs. James Power, D. D., Joseph Henderson, George Hill, William Swan, Francis Laird, Robert Lee, William Wylie, Robert Johnston, James Graham, James Guthrie, William Johnston, Ashbel G. Fairchild, Asa Brooks and Aretus Loomis.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio:—The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Ralston, Boyd Mercer, William Woods, Matthew Brown, William M'Millan, Michael Law, Moses Allen and George Vanemon.

Of the Presbytery of Erie:—The Rev. Messrs. Amos Chase, Timothy Alden, Samuel Tait, Johnston Eaton, Ira Condit and Phineas Camp.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford:—The Rev. Messrs. James Duncan, James Satterfield, William Woods, Clement Valandingham, Robert Sample, Joshua Beer and Nathan B. Darrow.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River:—The Rev. Messrs. Giles H. Cowles, Abiel Jones, Jonathan Leslie, Harvey Coe, Joseph W. Curtis, Randolph Stone, Alvan Hyde and William Strong.

Of the Presbytery of Portage:—The Rev. Messrs. Caleb Pitkin, John Seward, Simeon Woodruff, Benjamin Fenn and John Monteith.

Of the Presbytery of Washington:—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Marquis, Cephas Dodd, Joseph Stevenson, Andrew Wylie, James Hervey and Thomas Hoge.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville:—The Rev. Messrs. Lyman Potter, Joseph Anderson, James Snodgrass, John Rhea, Thomas Hunt and Abraham Scott.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny:—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Abraham Boyd, Robert M'Garrough, Cyrus Riggs, Alexander Cook, Reed Bracken, John Reddick and John Munson.

Synod proceeded to the choice of a moderator and clerk.

The Rev. Obadiah Jennings was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Joseph Treat, clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Amasa Loomis, Luther Humphrey, Ephraim T. Woodruff, William Hanford, Joseph Treat, Lot B. Sullivan, George Scott and John Anderson, D. D., assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. William Speer, Andrew M'Donald, James Wright, Amasa Loomis, William Hanford and George Scott, with the elders John Hannon, John Dinsmore and John Thompson, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet in this place to-morrow morning, at half past seven o'clock, and afterward on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes and Andrew M'Donald were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Porter and Francis Herron to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. Elisha P. Swift and John Reed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie.

The Rev. Messrs. Luther Humphrey, and Amasa Loomis to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. Messrs. James Wright and William Hanford to examine the records of the Presbytery of Grand River.

The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., and Joseph Patterson to examine the records of the Presbytery of Portage.

The Rev. Messrs. John Core and Alvan Coe, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Washington.

The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Treat and Andrew Wylie to examine the records of the Presbytery of Steubenville.

The Rev. Messrs. Ephraim T. Woodruff and Joseph Badger, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Allegheny.

On motion, Resolved, that it be recommended to the members of this Synod, to meet every morning during its sessions, at 6 o'clock, in the 1st and 2d Churches, alternately, to spend some time in *special prayer* for the *out-pouring* of the spirit of God upon the churches under their care.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### THURSDAY MORNING, Oct. 4th, 1821.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer, the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Elisha P. Swift, Elisha Macurdy, Francis Herron, Wm. Speer and Thomas E. Hughes were appointed a committee to enquire into the expediency of establishing a periodical publication of religious intelligence under the sanction and patronage of this Synod, designed to disseminate religious information to the churches under our care.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., Francis Herron, Obadiah Jennings, John Anderson, D. D., and William Johnston be a committee to take into consideration the propriety of making new arrangements with regard to the boundaries of the Presbyteries of Ohio, Washington, Steubenville and Redstone; and if this is not practicable, to enquire whether the churches and ministers in the bounds of the city of Pittsburgh and its vicinity, and belonging to the Presbytery of Redstone, should not be annexed to the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. Messrs. John M'Pherrin, Matthew Brown and William Johnston now appeared, and their reasons for not attending sooner were sustained. Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock; concluded with prayer.

#### THURSDAY 2, o'clock P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hoge, Francis Laird, William Wylie, Robert Johnston, James Graham, William Woods, William M'Millan, Moses Allen, Samuel Ralston, Cephas Dodd, Amos Chase, Andrew Wylie, Abraham Scott, Abraham Boyd, Robert M'Garrough, Reed Racken, John Reddick, Andrew O. Patterson, Thomas D. Baird, William Jeffery, Ashbel G. Fairchild and William Reed, now appeared; their reasons for not attending sooner were sustained.

The Rev. William Wylie, also assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod which were sustained.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported; the report was received and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Redstone report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 23 minisers, and have under their care 49 congregations and 1 candidate, viz:

| MINISTERS.              | CONGREGATIONS.                                  | Miss. Fund. |    | Com's Fund. |    | Theo. Seminary |    | Added last y'r. | Total in Com. | Adults Rep. | Infants Rep. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|----|-------------|----|----------------|----|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                         |                                                 | D.          | C. | D.          | C. | D.             | C. |                 |               |             |              |
| James Power, D. D.      | Without a Pastoral Charge, ..                   |             |    |             |    |                |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Joseph Henderson, ..    | Bethel and Ebenezer, ..                         |             |    |             |    |                |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Samuel Porter, ..       | Congrunity, ..                                  |             |    | 2           |    |                |    |                 |               |             |              |
| George Hill, ..         | Fairfield and Ligonier, ..                      |             |    |             |    |                |    |                 |               |             |              |
| William Swan, ..        | Long Run, ..                                    |             |    |             |    |                |    |                 |               |             |              |
| William Speer, ..       | Greensburg and Unity, ..                        | 16          | 07 | 10          | 75 |                |    | 16              | 228           | 4           | 18           |
| Francis Herron, ..      | 1st Church, Pittsburgh, ..                      | 42          | 76 | 10          | 37 | 90             |    | 30              | 174           | 1           | 27           |
| Francis Laird, ..       | Poke Run and Plumb Creek, ..                    | 8           | 78 | 2           | 55 |                |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Joseph Stockton, ..     | Allegheny and Pine Creek, ..                    |             |    |             |    |                |    | 15              | 75            | 3           | 25           |
| Robert Lee, ..          | Without a Pastoral Charge, ..                   |             |    |             |    |                |    |                 |               |             |              |
| William Wylie, ..       | Uniontown, ..                                   |             |    | 7           | 85 |                |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Robert Patterson, ..    | Highlands, ..                                   |             |    | 5           | 55 |                |    | 7               | 116           |             | 5            |
| Robert Johnston, ..     | Rehoboth and Round Hill, ..                     |             |    | 4           |    | 24             | 75 | 29              | 194           | 7           | 38           |
| James Graham, ..        | Beulah, ..                                      |             |    | 1           | 50 |                |    | 20              | 142           | 1           | 35           |
| James Barclay, ..       | Lower Harmony, Plumb Creek<br>and Glade Run, .. |             |    |             |    |                |    |                 |               |             |              |
| James Guthrie, ..       | Laurel Hill and Tyrone, ..                      |             |    | 3           | 79 |                |    | 11              | 203           |             | 16           |
| William Johnston, ..    | Dunlap's Creek & Brownsville, ..                | 62          | 77 | 11          | 75 |                |    | 21              | 172           | 5           | 23           |
| Ashbel G. Fairchild, .. | George's Creek & Morgantown, ..                 |             |    |             |    |                |    | 21              | 93            |             |              |
| Elisha P. Swift, ..     | 2d Church, Pittsburgh, ..                       |             |    | 4           | 50 | 39             |    |                 |               |             |              |
| John Reed, ..           | Indiana and Gilgal, ..                          |             |    | 5           |    |                |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Asa Brooks, ..          | French Creek and Buchanan, ..                   |             |    |             |    |                |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Aretus Loomis, ..       | Tygart's Valley, ..                             |             |    | 5           |    |                |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Andrew Patterson, ..    | Sewickly and Mount Pleasant, ..                 |             |    |             |    |                |    |                 |               |             |              |
|                         |                                                 | 130         | 38 | 74          | 65 | 153            | 75 | 170             | 1597          | 21          | 187          |

Vacant congregation able to support a pastor; Salem.

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor; Kittanning, Glade Run, Saltsburgh, West Sewickly, Wheatfield, Salt Lick Valley, Donegal, Middletown, Warren and Crossings.

Presbytery further report, that they did on the 18th day of October last, receive the Rev. David Barclay as a member of their Presbytery from the Presbytery of Newton, and on the same day received the Rev. Allen D. Campbell, formerly a member of the Associate Reformed Presbytery, whom on the same day they dis-

missed to join the presbytery of West Tennessee. They further report, that on the 15th day of January last, they received Mr. Andrew O. Patterson, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Washington, and on the 18th day of April following, they ordained him to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Sewickly and Mount Pleasant.

ROBERT JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

October 1st, 1821.

The Presbytery of Ohio reported. The report was received and is as follows.

The Presbytery of Ohio report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of 13 members, and have under their care 18 Congregations 2 Licentiates and 3 Candidates.

John M'Millan, D. D., pastor of the congregation of Chartiers, Samuel Ralston, p. Mingo creek and Williamsport; William Woods, p. Bethel; Matthew Brown, p. Washington, William M'Millan, President of Jefferson College and stated supply at Miller's run; George Venemon, p. New Providence and Jefferson; Moses Allen, p. Raccoon; Andrew M'Donald, p. White oak Flats and Flaherty's run; Michael Law p. Monteurs run, Educational fund, \$21.75; Commissioners fund, \$2.00; Added last year, 10; Total in Communion, 2.50; 1 Adult and 2 Infants baptised; Thomas D. Baird, p. Lebanon; Added last year, 16; Total in Communion, 109; 3 Adults and 10 Infants baptised; William Jeffery, p. Bethany, Commissioners fund, \$1.87½.

Vacant congregations able to support a Pastor: Pigeon Creek.

Vacant congregations not able to support a Pastor: Hopewell, Sewickly and Bentleysville.

Licentiate, Daniel M'Intosh, and 3 Candidates.

Presbytery further report, that they did on the 4th day of Oct., 1820, dismiss the Rev. Alexander Cook to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Allegheny. That they did on the 17th of the same month, receive the Rev. George Vanemon from the Presbytery of Richland, Ohio; and the 2d day of January, 1821, they received the Rev. Thomas D. Baird, from the Presbytery of Lancaster, Ohio. That they did on the day following ordain and install Mr. William Jeffery, Pastor of Bethany Congregation. That they did on the 19th of October, 1820, dismiss Mr. James Rowland to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Richland, Ohio. That they did on the 17th of April, 1821, install the Rev. Thos. D. Baird, Pastor of the Congregation of Lebanon, and on the 27th of June, in the same year they licensed Mr. Daniel M'Intosh to preach the Gospel.

MICHAEL LAW, *Stated Clerk.*

The Presbytery of Hartford reported; the report was received and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Hartford report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that since their last report, they have dismissed the Rev. Messrs.



James Duncan and Nathan B. Darrow, the former to connect himself with the Presbytery of Miami, and the latter with the Presbytery of Grand River. That on the 11th of April, 1821, they ordained and installed Mr. William Reed, Pastor of the united Congregations of Long's Run and New Salem, and that they now consist of 10 members, and have under their care 24 congregations.

| MINISTERS.            | CONGREGATIONS.                     | Com. s Fund. |     | Added last y'r. | Total in Com. | Adults Bap. | Infants Bap. |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-----|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                       |                                    | d.           | c.  |                 |               |             |              |
| Thomas E. Hughes,...  | Mount Pleasant,.....               | 12           | 72  | 12              | 190           | 2           | 27           |
| James Satterfield,... | Hubbard and Moorfield,.....        | 1            | 55  | 17              | 160           | 2           | 8            |
| Wm. Woods,.....       | Neshannock and Hopewell,.....      | 1            | 56  | 26              | 257           |             | 34           |
| Chm't Valandingham    | New Lisbon,.....                   | 12           | 40  | 19              | 349           | 1           | 27           |
| Robert Sample,.....   | New Castle and Slippery Rock,..... |              | 168 | 17              | 180           |             | 20           |
| James Wright,.....    | Poland and Westfield,.....         | 3            | 00  | 14              | 176           | 1           | 28           |
| John Core,.....       | Youngstown and Brookfield,.....    | 2            | 34  | 15              | 136           | 1           | 33           |
| Joshua Beer,.....     | Newton,.....                       |              |     |                 |               |             |              |
| James Robertson,....  | Yellow Creek and Bethesda,.....    | 1            | 56  |                 |               |             |              |
| William Reed,.....    | Long's Run and New Salem,.....     |              |     |                 |               |             |              |

Vacant Congregation able to support a pastor: Beaver town.

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor: Canfield, Bordman, Ellsworth, Middle Sandy creek, Deerfield and Meander.

JAMES SATTERFIELD, *Stated Clerk*.

Dated October 2d, 1821.

The Presbytery of Erie presented a defective and informal communication, purporting to be a report, which was not received.

The following report from the Presbytery of Erie, was since received by the Stated Clerk, and is inserted in its place.

The Presbytery of Erie report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of seven ministers, and have under their care twenty-nine congregations, viz:

| MINISTERS.         | CONGREGATIONS.                              | Erie Fund. |    | Com. s Fund. | Added last y'r. | Total in Com. | Adults Bap. | Infants Bap. |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------|----|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                    |                                             | d.         | c. | d.           | c.              |               |             |              |
| Amos Chase,...     | Without a Pastoral Charge,.....             |            |    | 1            | 53              |               |             |              |
| Timothy Alden,...  | Without a Pastoral Charge,.....             |            |    |              |                 |               |             |              |
| Samuel Tait,...    | Mercer and Salem,.....                      |            |    | 3            | 03              | 62            | 287         | 3 15         |
| Johnston Eaton,... | Erie and Fairview,.....                     | 30         | 00 | 6            | 10              | 13            | 98          | 3 31         |
| Ira Condit,....    | Upper Sandy, Fairfield and Big Sugar Creek, |            |    | 3            | 00              | 13            | 124         | 1 22         |
| Phineas Camp,...   | Without a Pastoral Charge,.....             |            |    |              |                 |               |             |              |
| John Vanlien,...   | Meadville,.....                             |            |    | 7            | 17              | 10            | 80          |              |

Vacant congregations: Westfield and Poland, Total in Com. 51, adults bap. 1, Infants bap. 24; Springfield and North East, added last year, 6, total in com. 39, adults bap. 2, inf. bap. 7; Ripley. com. fund, \$2.00; Conneautt, Waterford, Middle Brook, Cussawago.

Gravel Run, com. fund, \$2.00; total in commu. 30; infants bap. 4; Union, Oil creek, Great Brokenstraw, Lottsville, Beach woods, Warren, Teteote, Allegheny, Conneautt, Harmansburgh, United Christian Society, \$1.97½.

TIMOTHY ALDEN, *Stated Clerk.*

The Presbytery of Grand River reported; the report was reported, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Grand River report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of thirteen members, and have under their care 22 Congregations, viz:

| MINISTERS.                                               | CONGREGATIONS.                                                      | Edu. Fund. |    | Com.'s Fund. |    | Added last yr. | Total in Com. | Adults Bap. | Infants Bap. |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----|--------------|----|----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                                          |                                                                     | D.         | C. | C.           | D. |                |               |             |              |
| Joseph Badger,....                                       | Without a Pastoral Charge,.....                                     |            |    |              |    |                |               |             |              |
| Giles H. Cowles,...                                      | Austinburgh,.....                                                   |            |    | 1            | 61 |                | 99            |             | 3            |
| Eph. T. Woodruff,...                                     | Wayne,.....                                                         |            |    | 2            | 00 | 36             | 86            | 10          | 31           |
| Abiel Jones,.....                                        | Without a Pastoral Charge,.....                                     |            |    |              |    |                |               |             |              |
| Nathan B. Darrow,...                                     | " " ".....                                                          |            |    |              |    |                |               |             |              |
| Jonathan Leslie,...                                      | " " ".....                                                          |            |    |              |    |                |               |             |              |
| Harvey Coe,.....                                         | Vernon,.....                                                        |            |    | 3            | 06 | 105            | 208           | 21          | 70           |
| Amasa Loomis,....                                        | Painesville, .....                                                  |            |    | 3            | 00 | 8              | 45            |             | 6            |
| Luther Humphrey,...                                      | Burton,.....                                                        |            |    | 1            | 80 | 7              | 51            |             | 6            |
| Joseph W. Curtis,...                                     | Warren, .....                                                       |            |    | 3            | 00 | 73             | 125           | 24          | 26           |
| Randolph Stone,...                                       | Morgan, .....                                                       |            |    | 00           | 25 | 5              | 38            |             |              |
| Alvan Hyde,.....                                         | Madison,.....                                                       | 21         | 39 | 2            | 00 | 24             | 64            | 3           | 38           |
| William Strong,...                                       | Without a Pastoral Charge,.....                                     |            |    |              |    |                |               |             |              |
| Vacant Congrega-<br>tions able to sup-<br>port a pastor. | Kingsville and Ashtabula,.....                                      |            |    | 00           | 37 | 1              | 32            | 1           | 6            |
|                                                          | Geneva and Harpersfield,.....                                       |            |    |              |    |                |               |             |              |
|                                                          | Andover, .....                                                      |            |    |              |    | 1              | 31            | 1           | 4            |
| Vacant Congrega-<br>tions unable to<br>support a pator.  | Salem,.....                                                         |            |    |              |    |                |               |             |              |
|                                                          | Braceville,.....                                                    |            |    | 10           | 67 | 5              | 19            |             | 5            |
|                                                          | Mesopotamia, .....                                                  |            |    |              |    |                |               |             |              |
|                                                          | Huntsburgh,.....                                                    |            |    |              |    |                | 15            |             |              |
|                                                          | Farmington,.....                                                    |            |    | 2            | 37 |                |               |             |              |
|                                                          | Chardon, Thompson, Bristol, Johnston,<br>Bainbridge, Kirtland,..... |            |    |              |    |                |               |             |              |
|                                                          |                                                                     | 21         | 39 | 20           | 52 | 275            | 813           | 72          | 183          |

The Presbytery of Portage reported; the report was received and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Portage report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of 10 members, and have under their care 35 congregations, viz:

| MINISTERS.                                                                          | CONGREGATIONS.                                         | Miss. Fund. |    | Com's Fund. |    | Education Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total in Com. | Admits Rep. | Infants Bapt. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----|-------------|----|-----------------|----|------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
|                                                                                     |                                                        | d.          | c. | d.          | c. | d.              | c. |                  |               |             |               |
| Caleb Pitkin,.....                                                                  | Charlestown,.....                                      | 6           | 36 | 1           | 00 |                 |    | 3                | 38            |             | 6             |
| John Seward,.....                                                                   | Aurora,.....                                           | 5           | 00 | 2           | 00 |                 |    | 70               | 1             |             | 7             |
| Simeon Woodruff,...                                                                 | Tahnadage,.....                                        |             |    |             |    | 62              |    |                  |               |             |               |
| William Hanford,...                                                                 | Hudson,.....                                           | 50          | 00 | 3           | 05 | 12              | 00 | 9                | 50            |             | 7             |
| Joseph Treat,.....                                                                  | Windham,.....                                          | 8           | 86 | 1           | 00 | 15              | 75 | 3                | 43            |             | 9             |
| Alvan Coe,.....                                                                     | Without a Pastoral Charge,...                          |             |    |             |    |                 |    |                  |               |             |               |
| Benjamin Fenn,...                                                                   | Nelson,.....                                           | 3           | 81 | 1           |    | 2               | 56 | 7                | 40            |             | 4             |
| Lot B. Sullivan,...                                                                 | Lyme,.....                                             |             |    | 1           |    |                 |    | 5                | 16            |             |               |
| Alfred Betts,.....                                                                  | Brownhelm,.....                                        | 3           | 80 |             |    |                 |    | 10               | 31            |             | 2             |
| Israel Shaler,.....                                                                 | Richfield,.....                                        |             |    |             |    |                 |    | 11               | 22            |             | 4             |
|                                                                                     | Bricksville and Dover,.....                            | 5           | 00 |             |    |                 |    |                  |               |             |               |
|                                                                                     | Euclid and Cleveland,.....                             | 11          | 95 | 1           | 50 |                 |    | 49               | 120           | 16          | 42            |
| Vacant Congrega-<br>tions, and as they<br>stand united, able<br>to support a pastor | Florence, Huron, Norwalk and<br>City of Sandusky,..... | 15          | 00 | 1           | 00 |                 |    | 4                | 10            |             | 3             |
|                                                                                     | Strongsville, Brunswick and<br>Granger,.....           | 7           | 10 | 1           | 56 |                 |    | 8                | 47            | 2           | 16            |
|                                                                                     | Springfield and Rootstown,.....                        | 10          | 00 |             |    |                 |    |                  | 29            |             | 1             |
|                                                                                     | Mantua, Atwater and Randolph,.....                     | 7           | 50 | 2           | 50 | 4               | 25 | 5                | 79            | 2           | 8             |
|                                                                                     | Harrisville,.....                                      | 2           | 69 |             |    |                 |    |                  |               |             |               |
|                                                                                     | Wadsworth,.....                                        | 4           | 31 |             |    |                 |    |                  |               |             |               |
|                                                                                     | Medina,.....                                           |             |    |             |    | 50              |    |                  | 9             |             |               |
|                                                                                     | Palmyra,.....                                          | 1           | 93 |             |    |                 |    | 4                | 96            |             | 12            |
|                                                                                     | Franklin,.....                                         | 1           | 75 |             | 25 |                 |    |                  | 8             |             |               |
|                                                                                     | Thorndyke,.....                                        |             |    |             |    |                 |    |                  |               |             |               |
| Vacant Congrega-<br>tions, un able to<br>support a pastor,                          | Stow,.....                                             | 2           | 50 | 1           | 00 |                 |    |                  | 13            |             | 2             |
|                                                                                     | Brooklyn,.....                                         | 4           | 44 |             | 25 |                 |    | 5                | 15            |             |               |
|                                                                                     | Shalersville,.....                                     |             |    |             |    |                 |    |                  | 9             |             |               |
|                                                                                     | Burrell's Settlement,.....                             | 4           | 31 |             |    |                 |    | 1                | 10            |             |               |
|                                                                                     | Fitchville,.....                                       |             |    |             |    |                 |    | 1                | 7             |             |               |
|                                                                                     |                                                        | 158         | 31 | 17          | 61 | 35              | 18 | 125              | 698           | 20          | 122           |

Presbytery further report, that on the 4th day of April, 1821, they ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry, Mr. Alfred H Betts, and installed him pastor of the Church in Brownhelm. That on the 24th of the same month they received as a member, the Rev. Israel Shaler, from the association of Middlesex, Conn., and on the day following, installed him pastor of the Church in Richfield; and that on the 5th day of Sept., following, they dismissed the Rev. John Monteith, to join the Presbytery Oneida.

WILLIAM HANFORD, *Stated Clerk.*

The Presbytery of Washington reported; the report was received and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Washington report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 11 members, and have under their care 23 congregations, viz:

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| MINISTERS.          | CONGREGATIONS.                                                               | Com.'s Fund. |    | Miss. Fund. |    | Edu. Fund. |    | Added last y'r. | Total in Com. | Adults Bap. | Infants Bap. |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----|-------------|----|------------|----|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                     |                                                                              | D.           | C. | D.          | C. | D.         | C. |                 |               |             |              |
| Thomas Marquis,     | Cross Creek,.....                                                            | 4            |    | 63          | 87 | 40         |    | 15              | 262           | 6           | 29           |
| George Scott,....   | Mill Creek and Flats,.....                                                   | 1            | 50 | 8           | 57 |            |    | 27              | 262           | 6           | 33           |
| J. Anderson, D. D., | Upper Buffalo,.....                                                          | 6            | 50 | 51          | 70 | 63         | 32 | 13              | 213           |             |              |
| Elish Macurdy,...   | Cross Roads and Three Springs,                                               | 2            |    | 247         |    |            |    | 15              | 365           | 1           | 30           |
| Cephas Dodd,....    | Stated Supply at Lower Ten Mile,.....                                        |              |    |             |    |            |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Joseph Stevenson,   | Three Ridges,.....                                                           | 3            |    | 45          |    |            |    | 12              | 150           |             | 20           |
| Andrew Wylie,...    | President of Washington Col ledge, and Stated Supply at Upper Ten Mile,..... |              |    |             |    |            |    |                 |               |             |              |
| James Hervey,....   | Forks of Wheeling and Wheelingtown,.....                                     | 3            |    | 26          |    | 15         | 37 | 21              | 145           | 1           | 10           |
| Thomas Hoge,....    | East Buffalo and Caysville,....                                              | 2            |    |             |    |            |    | 26              | 66            | 1           | 13           |
| Jacob Cozad,....    | Lower Buffalo,.....                                                          |              |    |             |    |            |    | 27              | 74            | 11          | 25           |
| William M'Lean,...  | Without a Pastoral Charge,....                                               |              |    |             |    |            |    |                 |               |             |              |
|                     |                                                                              | 22           | 00 | 442         | 14 | 118        | 59 | 166             | 1537          | 26          | 152          |

Vacant congregation able to support a pastor: Upper Ten Mile.

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor: Short creek, Wellsburgh, Unity, Waynesburgh, Crab apple, Middleburn, Sistersville, and Maleys settlement.

Presbytery further report, that on the 18th of October, 1820, they received the Rev. William M'Lean of the associated Presbytery of West Chester and Morristown, New York, as a member. That on the 12th of Jan., 1821, they dismissed Mr. Andrew O. Patterson, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Redstone, and on the 27th of June in the same year, they installed the Rev. Thomas Hoge, pastor of the united congregations of East Buffalo and Claysville. THOMAS HOGE, *Stated Clerk*.

The Presbytery of Steubenville reported; the report was received, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Steubenville report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of 7 members, and have under their care 14 congregations, viz:

| MINISTERS.        | CONGREGATIONS.                  | Miss. Fund. |    | Com.'s Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total in Com. | Adults Bap. | Infants Bap. |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----|--------------|----|------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                   |                                 | D.          | C. | D.           | C. |                  |               |             |              |
| Lyman Potter,.... | Without a Pastoral Charge,..... |             |    |              |    |                  |               |             |              |
| Joseph Anderson,  | Richland and Short creek,.....  |             |    |              |    | 3                | 00            | 13          | 206          |
| James Snodgrass,  | Island creek,.....              |             |    | 6            | 00 | 1                | 12            | 12          | 64           |
| John Rhea,.....   | Beech Spring,.....              |             |    | 19           | 25 | 4                | 00            | 5           | 185          |
| Thomas Hunt,....  | Two Ridges and Richmond,.....   |             |    |              |    | 18               | 69            | 3           | 20           |
| Obadiah Jennings, | Steubenville,.....              |             |    | 23           | 70 | 4                | 00            | 85          | 1            |
| Abraham Scott,... | No Pastoral Charge,.....        |             |    |              |    |                  |               |             |              |

Licentiates; Salmon Cowles and William Wallace.

Vacant congregations able to support a pastor: Crab apple, Freeport and Nottingham.

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor: Centre, Cadiz, New Hagerstown Ridge.

Presbytery further report that on the 19th of April, 1821, they licensed Mr. William Wallace to preach the Gospel.

JOHN RHEA, *Stated Clerk*,

The Presbytery of Allegheny reported; the report was received, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Allegheny report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of 8 members, and have under their care 20 Congregations, viz:

| MINISTERS.           | CONGREGATIONS.                  | Com's Fund. |    | Plan. Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total in Com. | Adults Bap. | Infants Bap. |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----|-------------|----|------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                      |                                 | D.          | C. | D.          | C. |                  |               |             |              |
| John M'Pherrin,...   | Butler and Concord,.....        | 1           | 50 |             |    |                  |               |             |              |
| Abraham Boyd,....    | Bull Creek and Deer Creek,..... | 2           | 00 |             |    | 18               | 81            |             | 15           |
| Alex. Cook,.....     | Ebenezer and Bear Creek,.....   | 1           | 75 |             |    |                  |               |             |              |
| Robt. M'Garrough,... | Rehoboth and Licking,.....      |             |    | 2           | 96 | 5                | 189           |             | 13           |
| Cyrus Riggs,.....    | Scrubgrass and Unity,.....      | 2           | 00 |             |    |                  |               |             |              |
| Reed Bracken,....    | Nebo and Middlesex,.....        | 4           | 31 |             |    | 12               | 58            | 2           | 8            |
| John Reddick,....    | Slate Lick and Union,.....      | 2           | 50 |             |    | 9                | 70            |             | 8            |
| John Munson,....     | Plain Grove and Centre,.....    | 3           | 06 |             |    |                  |               |             |              |

Vacant Congregations unable to support a pastor: Franklin, Amity, Richland and Red Bank.

Presbytery further report, that on the 3d of April, 1821, they received the Rev. Alexander Cook from the Presbytery of Ohio, as a member, and on the 26th of June following, installed him pastor of the Congregations of Ebenezer and Bear creek.

REED BRACKEN, *Stated Clerk*.

The Committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Hartford, Portage, Redstone, Allegheny, Washington and Steubenville, reported, their report was received, and the records of the respective Presbyteries approved.

The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., Samuel Porter and Samuel Ralston were appointed a committee, to enquire into the expediency of establishing a Theological Library within the bounds of the Synod.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod, to confer with the Boards of Washington and Jefferson colleges on the subject of forming a union of said Colleges, and establishing a Theological Seminary, did not report; but by information received from a member of the committee, it does not appear probable that such a union can now be effected. Therefore, on motion,

Resolved, That said committee be discharged from any further attention to the subject.

A reference from the Presbytery of Erie, in relation to the union of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches in the town of Springfield was presented to Synod, through the committee of Bills and Overtures. After deliberate consideration thereof: On motion,

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Erie be directed to proceed in that business, according to the regulations of the General Assembly, and General Associations of Connecticut, provided in such cases.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 5th, 1821.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A sermon was delivered last evening by the Rev. Robert Johnston, Moderator of the last year, on Math. 5th, 10th, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven."

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Grand River, presented their report, and the records were approved, with this exception, that the Presbytery of Grand River, so far as appears from the records, proceeded irregularly in receiving under their care students in Divinity, without regular testimonials of their christian character and standing in the church,

The Rev. John Andrews from the Synod of Ohio, being present, was invited, and took his seat, as a corresponding member.

The committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a Theological Library, presented their report, which was approved, and is as follows:

Whereas, it appears to this Synod, that a number of promising young men, who are setting their faces towards the Gospel Ministry, are not in circumstances to attend the theological Seminary at Princeton.

Therefore, Resolved, That this Synod take measures for procuring a Library for the benefit of such, to be under the control and direction of this Synod. That it be recommended to every member to solicit books or monies for this important purpose, and that this Library be located at present in the edifice of Jefferson College, Canonsburgh, and placed under the care of the Rev. John M'Millan, D. D., Professor of Theology in that Seminary.

The committee appointed to take into consideration, the propriety of making new arrangements with regard to the boundaries of the Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio, Washington and Steubenville, presented their report, which was indefinitely postponed, and the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio, Washington, Steubenville and Allegheny to take into consideration the propriety of such changes in their respective boundaries, as may be practicable, and may tend to a more equal division of Ministers and Churches than exists in the present arrangement.

The Rev. Messrs. George Scott, David Barclay, Abraham Boyd, John Munson, John Reed and Cephas Dodd; with the Elders, Messrs. George Anderson, John Thompson, John Douglas and John Dinsmore obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the Sessions. Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above, with the exception of those who had obtained leave of absence. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, John M'Millan, D. D., Amos Chase, Thomas E. Hughes, Joseph Badger, Joseph Treat, John Anderson, D. D. Abraham Scott and Reed Bracken, be a committee to enquire if any measures can be adopted, and if any, what measures, more successfully to promote the cause of Christ within our bounds.

Written narratives of the state of religion within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Erie, Hartford, Grand River and Portage, containing statements of a favorable aspect, were read and laid on the table. The remaining Presbyteries gave verbal statements of a similar kind.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Matthew Brown and Robert Johnston be a committee to prepare a condensed report on the state of religion, and lay it before Synod.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct., 6th, 1821.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A Missionary sermon was delivered last evening by the Rev. John Anderson, D. D., on Zach, 4th, 6th, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts;" and a collection was taken up for the Missionary fund, amounting to \$23.80.

The Rev. Messrs. Francis Laird, Robert M'Garrough, John M'Pherrin, William Reed and William Johnston, together with the Elders, Messrs. James Caldwell, Michael Findlay, John Neyman, Charles Carothers and John Johnston, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the Sessions.

The Rev. Messrs. Moses Allen and Samuel Ralston obtained leave of absence for this afternoon.

On motion, Resolved, That the Synod proceed to the election of a Board of Trust for the ensuing year.

Whereupon, the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson, Elisha Macurdy, Francis Herron, Joseph Stockton, Michael Law and Elisha P. Swift; together with the Elders, Messrs. James Cooper, John Hannon and Thomas Davis were duly elected, to meet this afternoon at half-past 4 o'clock, in this place, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The committee appointed to inquire whether any measures can be adopted, and if any, what measures, more successfully to promote the cause of Christ within our bounds, made the following report which was adopted.

The Synod of Pittsburgh in taking a retrospective view of the past, feel mingled emotions of gratitude and sorrow,—of gratitude for forfeited privileges, and for the smiles of the great Head of the Church, in granting the special operations of the divine spirit in years which are past; and of regret for his frowns in withholding for a long time these influences from most of the Churches under their care. With deep regret they behold the coldness which is manifested by many of the people of God. The wise are slumbering with the foolish. Christians are conformed to the world, and manifest but little of the life and power of godliness. God in righteous displeasure is withholding the influences of his spirit, and our Zion mourns. Something must be done that our offended God may avert from us the tokens of his anger, and visit us again with the life-giving influence of the Holy spirit. The ministers of the Sanctuary must feel the necessity of reformation, and themselves lead the way. The people of God must “remember whence they have fallen,” repent, and turn to the Lord. They must feel the necessity of the special influences of the divine spirit, to give success to the gospel, and bring sinners to embrace a crucified Saviour. In the exercise of a lively faith they must present their united request to the God of all grace; “Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thy heritage to reproach.” They must feel the necessity of making special exertions to promote the cause of Christ, and effect the salvation of immortal souls. Therefore, on motion,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the congregations under our care to observe Wednesday the 14th day of November next, as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, in reference to the low state of religion among us, and that the Ministers belonging to the Synod improve that opportunity to impress on their hearts the necessity of a reformation.

2d. Resolved, That it be recommended to the members of the Synod to make special efforts by meditation, self-examination and secret prayer, for a revival of religion in their own hearts, and while they make this a part of their daily business, that they devote Tuesday the 6th day of November next, to this particular object.

3d. Resolved, That it be recommended to the Ministers of this Synod to go two and two, according to the direction of our Saviour, and visit the congregations in their vicinity, and spend at least two days in a place, and by preaching, praying, exhortation and personal conversation, to call on christians to humble themselves in view of their backslidings, and to return to their forsaken God, and to endeavour to excite them to increased diligence in the cause of Christ, and especially to united and fervent prayer, to the Great Head of the Church for the out-pouring of the Divine spirit, and also to warn sinners of their danger, and entreat them to be “reconciled to God.”



Resolved, That it be recommended to the Presbyteries, to take this subject into consideration at their next meeting, and endeavor to secure the object contemplated by the Synod.

The committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a periodical publication of religious intelligence, &c., reported. After considerable discussion, on motion,

Resolved, That it be recommitted to the same committee.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Ohio and Erie, reported that the records of said Presbyteries had not been received.

Adjourned to meet in the 2d Church at 2 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M., 1821.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Board of Trust for the Western Missionary Society reported. Their report was accepted and their conduct approved.

The Portage Missionary Society reported, their report was accepted, and their conduct approved.

The Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society, reported the state of the funds, and the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hoge and Robert Johnston, were appointed a committee to examine his accounts.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasures' account, reported. Their report was, that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society, and compared them with the vouchers and found them correct.

They find a balance in favor of the Society, in the permanent fund of \$1788.22; and in the contingent fund, \$1130.73.

On motion, Resolved, That in case, the propositions submitted by the Board to the Indian Tribes be accepted by them, it be recommended to the Board, to proceed to the formation of the contemplated Missionary establishment.

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod reported, the report was accepted and is as follows:

The committee appointed to prepare a condensed narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod of Pittsburgh, in so far as it can be collected from the reports of the several Presbyteries, report,—

That although the general aspect of the Church in our bounds affords reason for deep humiliation and sorrow, yet there are some things pleasing, and afford ground of thankfulness to God.

It appears that general harmony in Doctrine and Discipline, pervades the Churches. The great doctrines of salvation by free grace are preached in simplicity and purity. The ministrations of the word of life are generally well attended. Associations for advancing the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom are cherished with liberality. Sunday schools and Bible classes are multiplied and well

attended, and through the medium of these valuable institutions, the minds of thousands of our precious youth are replenished with the word of life.

The monthly concert, with their meetings for prayer, are generally well attended to in our bounds. In most of the congregations there have been gradual accessions to the church, and some have been favored with special awakenings and times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. In several of the churches of the Presbyteries of Grand River and Portage, a special work of the spirit appears to have commenced. The people of God have been wakened up to peculiar concern and more earnest supplications, and careless sinners begin to enquire, what they shall do to be saved. This work has been extended to about eight congregations in the Presbytery of Portage, and to nearly an equal number in the Presbytery of Grand River. Although this work which has but recently commenced, may not be called a general revival of religion, yet it has been such as to animate the hopes of those, who have been "waiting for the consolation of Israel." And it is hoped, that these precious droppings will be succeeded by a plentiful shower, which may spread and extend its influences so as to refresh every part of our "dry and parched land."

Among the means which have been employed, and which God seems to have blessed, for awakening the attention of slumbering churches, the following are mentioned.

1st. Special prayer. Days have been set apart by particular churches for this purpose; and meetings for prayer at the rising of the sun, and especially on the mornings of the Lord's day, have been observed, and have been attended with a blessing.

2d. Personal conversation with individuals on the concerns of their souls. This exercise has not been confined to ministers only who appear to have engaged in this work with great seriousness and plainness, but also private members of the Church, male and female, have felt it their duty, to assist and solemnly converse with their friends and neighbours on this all important subject.

3d. Ministerial visits. Ministers, usually two in company, have visited the churches, devoting their time to preaching, praying and religious conversation. These visits appear to have been remarkably blessed and owned by the great Head of the Church.

But whilst these facts afford occasion of joy and thanksgiving, the aspect of the Churches generally through our bounds is dark and gloomy, and calls for humiliation and sorrow.

Although "the truth as it is in Jesus" appears to be maintained and preached in our community, *error* under various forms, finds its advocates and patrons in some parts of our country. Infidelity still exists, and in one place has assumed her organized form, and where infidelity no longer appears with its former boldness, it has taken shelter under the name of Rational Christianity, still retaining the same deadly hostility to the divinity of Christ, to the atone-

ment made by his death, and to all distinguishing doctrines of Christianity.

But the chief ground of lamentation and cause of alarm, exists in the Church itself,—in the spiritual state and conduct of professing Christians. In most of our congregations, deadness and lukewarmness prevail to an alarming degree, a spirit of slumber has seized the hearts of God's professing people; few comparatively appear to be engaged or concerned as they ought to be. Professing christians are too much conformed to the world and do not maintain that singularity which should characterize the followers of Christ. We have also to notice a usual concomitant of a declining state of religion, the want of brotherly love among the members of the Church, even where no divisions or animosities exist. There is a lamentable want of that mutual affection, confidence and co-operation which become christians and members of the same communion. Whilst assailed by enemies on every side, co-operating in their hostile attacks, it is mournful to observe so little of that love,—that warm and decided attachment to each other, and to the connection to which they belong, which is necessary to guard against the influence of those who go about to seduce and destroy.

Professing christians do not seem to appreciate the value of religious ordinances, nor to be alarmed at the threatenings of God against those who "have left their first love."

There are few found to stand in the *gap*,—few "to hold up the hands" of the Ministers of the Gospel, who are in many places left to labor alone, and to take up the lamentation, "who hath believed our report and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed."

In fine, the condition of the Church seems to call loudly on all the friends of Zion to awake from their slumbers,—to take the alarm for themselves and the church of God,—“to repent and do the first works”—to mourn for their own sins and for the “desolations” of Zion, to come out from the world and be separated, having “no communion with the unfruitful works of darkness”—and speedily to resort to such means as may tend to avert the wrath of God, remove exciting grounds of controversy, and draw down the influences of the blessed spirit in copious effusions, that the dry and dreary waste may become a garden, even the garden of the Lord.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, Jos. Stockton and Elisha P. Swift be a committee to publish in a pamphlet form the foregoing report, and such other extracts of the minutes of Synod, with such other matter, as they may deem expedient, and to have a thousand copies distributed throughout the churches. The expense to be defrayed from the funds of the Western Missionary Society, and that the Rev. Joseph Patterson be the agent for the distribution of the same; to be sold at cost.

On motion, Resolved, That it be enjoined on the several Presbyteries to hand in all the reports (that are required by the Synod to be given in writing,) on the first or second day of the Sessions of Synod,

The committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a literary periodical publication of religious intelligence, reported; the report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

That, from the information which they have been able to obtain, they are fully sensible of the want of some convenient vehicle for the circulation of religious intelligence through the bounds of our Synod. The publications professedly designed for this object, though numerous and respectable, are either too expensive or too remote to circulate generally through our congregations; and as they do not contain sufficiently particular intelligence from this part of the church, so they do not awaken sufficient interest, in their reception and perusal, to secure to them a free and general circulation; and as it is of course found that there is a great want of access to these sources of information, to the great body of our population. Your committee believe that the proceedings of our Missionary Society, the records of our Synod and its Presbyteries, to say nothing of other parts of our Church and of the christian world, afford many facts and statements important to be known to the churches, and calculated to warm and revive the hearts of christians, and to endear the judicatories of our church, its missions and its missionaries, to them; and they believe, that at the present time, when so much is doing in the earth for the spread of the gospel, and when the God of Zion is going forth in the power and glory of his grace, to overthrow the powers of superstition, infidelity and wickedness, and to build up his church—the dissemination of religious intelligence is calculated to increase among God's people the amount not only of faith and prayer, but of christian benevolence and charity. From the inquiries which they have been able to make, your committee have little doubt, that notwithstanding the peculiar embarrassments attending all branches of business at the present time, a publication of sufficient size and frequency of emission to answer the object proposed, may be supported within the bounds of our Synod; and that so as directly or indirectly to increase considerably the missionary fund, while it spreads abroad among our beloved people the heart-cheering tidings of the progress of the Redeemer's chariot through the earth.

Your committee believe, that as that auspicious period rolls on, in which "righteousness must go forth as brightness and salvation as a lamp that burneth" through the world, materials the most useful and interesting will be continually augmenting; and while a record of the events of this spreading kingdom which occur within our bounds, will cheer the heart and animate the labors of the missionary of the Cross, toiling in the most distant parts of the earth; Asia, Africa and the islands of the sea, will in turn contribute their respective parts to enkindle in the bosoms of our people that sacred glow of gratitude, benevolence and love which must ere long overspread the earth.

In accordance with these suggestions, your committee recommend for the adoption of Synod, the following resolutions, to wit:

1st. Resolved, That a semi-monthly, or weekly, publication of reli-

gious intelligence, (as shall be most convenient to the Editor,) be established under the patronage of the members of Synod.

21. Resolved, That the Rev. John Andrews be appointed the Editor of said publication, and that on his own responsibility he undertake the establishment, support and direction of the same.

3d. Resolved, That—  
be a committee to assist Mr. Andrews, by purchasing materials for said publication, and in case Mr. A. shall decline this appointment, to procure, if practicable, a suitable Editor.

The report was adopted, and the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson, Francis Herron, Elisha P. Swift, Robert Patterson, Joseph Stockton, Thomas D. Baird and James Graham were appointed the committee contemplated in the third resolution..

Adjourned to meet in the town of Washington, Pa., on the first Tuesday of October, 1822, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

May 17th, 1822, examined and approved thus far by the General Assembly.

OBADIAH JENNINGS, *Moderator.*

WASHINGTON, Pa., October 1st, 1822.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Obadiah Jennings, moderator of the last year, from Haggai 1: 7 and 8—"Thus saith the Lord, consider your ways. Go up to the mountain and bring wood, and build the house, and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord."

After prayer, it appeared that the following members were present, viz:

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Messrs. William Speer, Francis Herron, Joseph Stockton, Robert Patterson, John Andrews, William Wylie, Robert Johnston, William Johnston, James Guthrie, Elisha P. Swift, Ashbel G. Fairchild, Aretus Loomis and Andrew O. Patterson; with the Elders, Messrs. John Hannon, Hugh Wright, Charles Porter, Eugenius Wilson, Samuel Thompson, Henry Fulton and Allen Means.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., Boyd Mercer, Samuel Ralston, William Woods, Matthew Brown, William M'Millan, George Vennemon, Moses Allen, Thos. D. Baird and William Jeffery, with the Elders, Messrs. Richard Johnson, Jas.

Hare, Hugh Wylie, William Moore, John Snodgrass and John Nisbet.

Of the Presbytery of Erie—The Rev. Samuel Tait.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, James Satterfield, William Woods, Clement Valandingham, Wm. Reed and James Wright; with the Elders, Messrs. Wm. Porter and John M'Clelland.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River—The Rev. Messrs. Ephraim T. Woodruff, Joseph W. Curtis and Randolph Stone.

Of the Presbytery of Portage—The Rev. Messrs. John Seward, Simeon Woodruff, William Hanford, Joseph Treat, Alvan Coe and Benjamin Fenn.

Of the Presbytery of Washington—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Marquis, George Scott, John Anderson, D. D., Cephas Dodd, Andrew Wylie, James Hervey and Thomas Hoge; with the Elders, Messrs. John M'Millan, Thomas Byers, Joseph Donaghy, James Proudfit, Wm. Wallace and Samuel Axtell.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville—The Rev. Messrs. Lyman Potter, Joseph Anderson, John Rhea, Thomas Hunt, Obadiah Jennings and Salmon Cowles, with the Elders, Messrs. Andrew Anderson, James G. Henning and John Lyle.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny—The Rev. Messrs. Alexander Cook, Robert M'Garrough, Cyrus Riggs, Reed Bracken and John Munson, with the Elder, Mr. Alex. Guthrie.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT.

Of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Messrs. James Power, D. D., Joseph Henderson, Samuel Porter, Wm. Swan, Francis Laird, James Graham, David Barclay, John Reed and Asa Brooks.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson and Andrew M'Donald.

Of the Presbytery of Erie—The Rev. Messrs. Amon Chase, Timothy Alden, Johnston Eaton, Ira Condit, Phineas Camp and John Vanlieu.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford—The Rev. Messrs. Robert Semple, Joshua Beer and James Robertson.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Giles H. Cowles, Abiel Jones, Nathan B. Darrow, Jonathan Leslie, Harvey Coe, Amasa Loomis, Luther Humphrey, Alvan Hyde and William Strong.

Of the Presbytery of Portage—The Rev. Messrs. Caleb Pitkin, Lot B. Sullivan, Alfred Betts and Israel Shaler.

Of the Presbytery of Washington, Pa.—The Rev. Messrs. Elisha Macurdy, Joseph Stevenson and Jacob Cozad.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville—The Rev. Messrs. Jas. Snodgrass and Abraham Scott.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny—The Rev. Messrs. Abraham Boyd and John Reddick.

Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk—the

Rev. Thomas E. Hughes was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Thos. Hoge, Clerk.

The Rev. Joseph Harper, from the Synod of Ohio, being present, was invited, and took his seat as a corresponding member.

The minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

The Rev. Messrs. James Guthrie, Aretus Loomis, Boyd Mercer, George Vennemon, Samuel Tait, William Woods, (of Hartford Presbytery,) Clement Valandingham, Jos. W. Curtis, Randolph Stone, John Seward, Simeon Woodruff, Benjamin Fenn, Thomas Marquis, James Hervey, Lyman Potter, Joseph Anderson, John Rhea, Thos. Hunt, Cyrus Riggs, Alexander Cook and John Munson, being called upon, assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas D. Baird, Robert Johnston, James Harvey, Joseph Anderson, Clement Valandingham and Simeon Woodruff, with Elders Joseph Donaghy, Charles Porter and John Snodgrass were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, and afterward on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. William Hanford and Moses Allen were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Messrs. Ashbel G. Fairchild and Samuel Tait, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. Messrs. Geo. Vennemon and John Seward, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie.

The Rev. Messrs. Wm. M'Millan and Thomas Hunt, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. Messrs. Benj. Fenn and Wm. Wylie, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Grand River.

The Rev. Messrs. Reed Bracken and Boyd Mercer, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Portage.

The Rev. Messrs. William Woods (Ohio) and James Wright, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Washington, Pa.

The Rev. Messrs. Cyrus Riggs and Wm. Johnston, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Steubenville.

The Rev. Messrs. George Scott and John Rhea, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Allegheny.

On motion, Resolved, That it be recommended to the members of this Synod, to meet every morning during its sessions, at 6 o'clock, in this place, to spend some time in special prayer, for the outpouring of the spirit of God upon the churches under their care.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 2d, 1822.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Francis Laird and John Core, with the elder Mr. Archibald Coon, now appeared; their reasons for not coming sooner were sustained. The Rev. James Satterfield also assigned reasons for absence from the two last meetings of Synod, which were sustained.

An appeal from a decision of the Presbytery of Hartford in the case of Joseph Richardson, complainant, and Elderkin Potter, defendant, was brought in by the committee of Bills and Overtures.

On motion, Resolved, that said appeal be made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

On motion, Resolved, that the Board of Trust do now report to Synod. After hearing the report, together with a reference from said Board to Synod, accompanied with a document in relation to the funds of the Society, from the president of the Board, and after considerable discussion of the subject referred. On motion, adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 3 o'clock. P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. John Reed now appeared; his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

Synod resumed the consideration of the reference from the Board of Trust. After some further discussion, On motion, Resolved, that the Synod are of opinion, that there is sufficient encouragement to authorize the Board of Trust to proceed without delay in the organization and establishment of a missionary family among the Ottawa Indians.

On motion, Resolved, that the election of a Board of Trust for the ensuing year, be made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The Rev. Messrs. William Speer, Obadiah Jennings, Francis Herron, Samuel Ralston and Robert Johnston, were appointed a committee to enquire into the expediency of establishing a Theological Seminary at some convenient place in the Western country, in conjunction with the Synods of Ohio and Kentucky, and to report as early as practicable.

The Rev. Messrs. Elisha P. Swift and John Andrews were appointed a committee to prepare a condensed narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod.

Mr. Eugenius Wilson, elder, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

OCTOBER 3d, 1822, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.



A Missionary sermon was delivered last evening by the Rev. William Wylie, from 2d Cor. 9:6—"But this I say, he which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully." After sermon, a collection was taken up for the benefit of the Missionary fund, amounting to \$60.83, and a pair of silver knee-buckles.

The committee, appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Allegheny, Grand River, Steubenville, Hartford, Washington, Portage, Ohio, Erie and Redstone, reported. The reports were received and the records approved.

The Rev. Messrs. Alexander Cook and Benjamin Fenn, with the Elders John Lyle, John Snodgrass and Samuel Axtell obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

Synod proceeded to the order of the day, viz: The election of a Board of Trust for the ensuing year, when the Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, Elisha P. Swift, Elisha Macurdy, Joseph Stockton, John Andrews and Obadiah Jennings, with the elders Messrs. John Han-  
non, Samuel Thompson and John Duncan were duly elected, to meet in this place forthwith, and afterward on their own adjournments.

Synod took up the appeal from the Presbytery of Hartford in the case of Joseph Richardson complainant, against Elderkin Potter, defendant. After the sentence appealed from, the reasons assigned by the appellant for his appeal, and the original evidence, were read, and also an opportunity given to the members of said Presbytery to give the reasons for their decision. Previously to calling the roll, and taking the final vote, an adjournment was called for and carried.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The following resolution was presented by the Board of Trust:

"At a meeting of the Board of Trust of the Western Missionary Society, held in Washington, Pa., on the 3d day of October, 1822—On motion, Resolved unanimously, that the Synod be requested to appoint the Rev. Samuel Tait, superintendent *pro tem.* of the Mission family, about to be located among the Ottawa Indians on the Maumee river, and that the Synod direct the adjacent Presbyteries to appoint supplies for Mr. Tait's pulpit during his absence."

Whereupon, on motion, Resolved, *nem. con.*, that the Rev. Samuel Tait be appointed superintendent *pro tem.* of the said family: and the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hughes, Robert Patterson, Francis Herron, Cyrus Riggs and Samuel Tait, were appointed a committee to make out supplies for Mr. Tait's pulpit during his absence.

On motion, Resolved, that the Board of Trust of the Western Missionary Society be authorized to make appointments to supply the pulpits of such ministers as may be engaged in their employment.

The Rev. Messrs. William Woods, A. G. Fairchild, Samuel Tait and Clement Valandingham, with the elders Mr. James G. Henning, Andrew Anderson, John Hannon, Samuel Thompson and Thomas Byers, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the Sessions.

Synod resumed the consideration of the appeal of Elderkin Potter, from the Presbytery of Hartford. The roll having been called, and every member of the Synod having had an opportunity to express his opinion on the case, the final vote was taken, and the decision of the Presbytery of Hartford was *reversed*, for the following reasons, viz:

1. Because Synod are of opinion that the charge, which was exhibited by Joseph Richardson against the appellant, was of such a nature, that it ought not to have been received or acted upon by the session of the church in New Lisbon.

2. Because Synod are of opinion that there is no evidence of the appellant having been guilty of any wilful perversion of the truth, or misrepresentation of facts in any of the statements made by him relative to the conduct or character of Joseph Richardson.

3. Because it appears to this Synod, that the appellant in making the statements before alluded to, spoke of the facts alledged as *matters of his belief*, in consequence of information he had received, at the same time *naming and referring* to the person from whom such information had been received.

4. Because the Synod are of opinion that the statement of the appellant relative to Joseph Richardson, viz: "that he had been informed, that Joseph Richardson had made arrangements with divers persons to become candidates, in order to procure the election of himself as a representative to the Legislature of Ohio," is substantially proved.

Written narratives of the state of religion within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Washington, Pa., Steubenville, Ohio, Portage, Grand River, Allegheny, and Hartford, and verbal statements from the Presbyteries of Redstone and Erie, were received, to which the attention of the committee appointed to prepare a condensed report on the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod, was directed.

The Presbytery of Grand River requested advice in relation to taking a congregation within the bounds of the Presbytery of Erie, under their care. After mature consideration,

On motion, Resolved, that the Presbytery of Grand River be advised not to receive the said congregation of Springfield under their care.

On motion, Resolved, that the Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, Ephraim T. Woodruff and Randolph Stone be a committee to visit the two congregations in the town of Springfield, and endeavor to effect a cordial union of said congregations; that they meet on the 15th day of November next, which day is recommended to be observed by the congregations aforesaid, as a day of *fasting and prayer*.

On motion, Ordered, that the Rev. Joseph Patterson pay out of

the Missionary Fund the sum of twenty-five dollars for printing the extracts of the minutes of Synod for the year 1821.

The Presbytery of Redstone reported to the Synod; the report was received and is as follows;

The Presbytery of Redstone report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of 22 ministers, and have under their care 46 congregations and 1 licentiate, viz:

| MINISTERS.              | CONGREGATIONS.                                   | Miss. Fund. |    | Com. s Fund. |    | Edu. Fund. |    | Added last y. r. | Total in Com. | Infants Bap. | Adults Bap. |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|----|--------------|----|------------|----|------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
|                         |                                                  | D.          | C. | D.           | C. | D.         | C. |                  |               |              |             |
| James Power, D. D.      | Without a Pastoral Charge,...                    |             |    |              |    |            |    |                  |               |              |             |
| Jos. W. Henderson,...   | Bethel and Ebenezer,.....                        |             |    |              |    |            |    |                  |               |              |             |
| Samuel Porter,.....     | Congruity,.....                                  | 6           |    | 2            |    |            |    | 15               | 195           | 52           | 7           |
| William Swan,.....      | Long Run,.....                                   |             |    |              |    |            |    | 6                | 105           | 16           |             |
| William Spear,.....     | Greensburg and Unity,.....                       |             |    | 10           | 63 |            |    | 16               | 269           | 24           | 1           |
| Francis Heiron,.....    | 1st Pres. Church, Pittsburgh,...                 | 31          |    | 11           | 20 | 26         |    | 25               | 167           | 28           | 1           |
| Francis Laird,.....     | Poke Run and Plum Creek,...                      |             |    | 1            | 26 |            |    |                  |               |              |             |
| Joseph Stockton,...     | Allegheny and Pine Creek,...                     |             |    | 3            |    |            |    |                  | 83            | 22           | 1           |
| John Andrews,.....      | Without a Pastoral Charge,...                    |             |    |              |    |            |    |                  |               |              |             |
| David Barclay,.....     | Glade Run,.....                                  |             |    |              |    |            |    | 30               | 55            | 17           | 2           |
| William Wylie,.....     | Uniontown,.....                                  |             |    |              |    |            |    | 32               | 98            | 22           | 3           |
| Robert Patterson,...    | Highlands,.....                                  | 12          |    | 3            | 40 | 10         |    | 12               | 118           | 18           | 2           |
| Robert Johnston,...     | Rehoboth and Round Hill,...                      |             |    |              | 5  | 02         |    | 13               | 194           | 20           | 5           |
| James Graham,.....      | Beulah,.....                                     |             |    |              |    |            |    |                  |               |              |             |
| James Guthrie,.....     | Laurel Hill and Tyrone,.....                     |             |    | 4            |    |            |    | 11               | 204           | 27           | 2           |
| William Johnston,...    | Dunlap's Creek & Brownsville,...                 | 22          | 81 | 11           | 80 | 7          | 75 | 22               | 169           | 7            | 18          |
| Elisha P. Swift,.....   | 2d Church, Pittsburgh,.....                      |             |    |              | 6  | 83         |    | 53               | 158           | 36           | 3           |
| Ashbel G. Fairchild,... | Morgantown, George's Creek &<br>Greensburg,..... |             |    |              | 5  |            |    | 44               | 138           | 15           | 5           |
| Asa Brooks,.....        | French Creek and Buchanan,...                    |             |    |              |    |            |    | 1                | 47            | 4            |             |
| Aretus Loomis,.....     | Tygart's Valley,.....                            |             |    |              |    |            |    | 4                | 31            | 6            |             |
| John Reed,.....         | Indiana and Gilgal,.....                         |             |    |              |    |            |    |                  |               |              |             |
| A. O. Patterson,....    | Sewickly and Mount Pleasant,                     | 6           |    | 6            |    |            |    | 62               | 208           | 43           | 18          |
|                         |                                                  | 77          | 81 | 70           | 10 | 43         | 75 | 354              | 2233          | 308          | 52          |

1 Licentiate: Thomas Davis.

Vacant congregations able to support pastor: Salem and Blairsville, Fairfield and Ligonier.

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor: Kittanning, Saltburg, Wheatfield, Donegal, Warren, Middletown, North Sewickly, Crossings and Salt Lick Valley.

Presbytery further report, that on the 13th day of February last they licensed Mr. Thomas Davis to preach the gospel, as a probationer for the holy ministry—that on the 16th day of April last they received the Rev. John Andrews from the Presbytery of Chilicothe, and on the day following dismissed the Rev. Robert Lee to join the Presbytery of Richland, and dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. William Swan and the congregation of Long Run—and on the 2d day of July last installed the Rev. A. G. Fairchild pastor of the united congregations of Morgantown, George's creek and Greensburg.

Presbytery further report, that on the 7th of June last, the Rev.

George Hill, one of their members, and pastor of the united congregations of Fairfield and Ligonier, was removed by death, in the 59th year of his age.

The Presbytery of Ohio reported; the report was received, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Ohio report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 12 ministers, and have under their care 18 congregations, and 3 licentiates, viz:

| MINISTERS.            | CONGREGATIONS.                           | Educ. Fund |    | Miss. Fund. |    | Com. s Fund. | Added last y'r. | Total In Com. | Adults. Rep. | Infants. Bap. |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|------------|----|-------------|----|--------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|                       |                                          | D.         | C. | D.          | C. | D.           |                 |               |              |               |
| John M'Millan, D. D., | Chartiers,.....                          | 16         | 00 |             |    | 2            | 50              | 19 277        | 1            | 30            |
| Joseph Patterson,...  | Without a Pastoral Charge,...            |            |    |             |    |              |                 |               |              |               |
| Boyd Mercer,.....     | Without a Pastoral Charge,...            |            |    |             |    |              |                 |               |              |               |
| Samuel Ralston,....   | Mingo Creek & Williamsport,...           |            |    |             |    | 3            | 28              |               |              |               |
| William Woods,....    | Bethel,.....                             | 5          | 62 | 100         | 00 |              |                 | 16 150        |              | 16            |
| Matthew Brown,....    | Washington,.....                         | 10         | 00 |             |    |              |                 | 16 200        | 1            |               |
| William M'Millan,...  | Stated Supply at Miller's Run,...        |            |    |             |    |              |                 |               |              |               |
| Moses Allen,.....     | Racoon,.....                             | 2          | 00 | 45          |    |              |                 | 6 219         | 2            | 24            |
| Andrew M'Donald,...   | White Oak Flats and Flaherty's Run,..... | 2          |    | 1           | 00 |              |                 | 3 124         | 1            | 19            |
| Thomas D. Baird,...   | Lebanon,.....                            | 1          | 00 | 25          |    | 1            | 42              | 21 126        | 4            | 28            |
| George Vennemon,...   | New Providence and Jefferson,            | 3          | 50 |             |    |              |                 | 9 52          | 2            | 10            |
| William Jeffery,....  | Bethany,.....                            | 14         | 00 | 48          | 12 | 1            | 88              | 24 111        |              | 23            |
|                       |                                          | 76         | 27 | 194         | 37 | 9            | 68              | 114 1259      | 11           | 150           |

Vacant congregations able to support a pastor: Monteur's run and Pigeon creek, to Missionary fund \$21. 75.

Vacant and not able to support a pastor: Bentleysville, Hopewell and Sewickly.

3 Licentiates, viz: John Coulter, William Smith and Alexander M'Candless.

Presbytery have to report the death of one of their members, the Rev. Michael Law, who departed this life on the 9th of last October, while employed in the service of the Western Missionary Society. Presbytery further report, that on the 17th of October last, they licensed Messrs. John Coulter and William Smith, and on the 9th of January following, Mr. Alexander M'Candless, to preach the gospel; that on the last Monday of September, succeeding, they installed the Rev. George Vennemon pastor of the united congregations of New Providence and Jefferson; and that on the 25th of June last they dismissed Mr. Donald M'Intosh, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Steubenville.

The Presbytery of Erie reported; their report was received, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Erie report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of 7 members and have under their care 29 Congregations, viz:

| MINISTERS.                                         | CONGREGATIONS.                                        | Edu. Fund. |    | Miss. Fund. |    | Com. s Fund. |    | Added last y'r. | Total in Com. | Adults Bap. | Infants Bap. |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|----|-------------|----|--------------|----|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                                    |                                                       | D.         | C. | D.          | C. | D.           | C. |                 |               |             |              |
| Timothy Alden,....                                 | President of Allegheny College,....                   |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Amos Chase,.....                                   | Without a Pastoral Charge,.....                       |            |    |             |    | 12           |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Samuel Tait,.....                                  | Mercer and Salem,.....                                | 100        |    |             |    | 6            | 50 |                 | 290           |             | 8            |
| Johnston Eaton,....                                | Fairview and Erie,.....                               | 16         |    | 26          | 06 | 7            | 23 | 10              | 110           |             | 6            |
| Ira Condit,.....                                   | Fairfield, Big Sugar Creek and Up-<br>per Sandy,..... |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Phineas Camp,....                                  | Without a Pastoral Charge,.....                       |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
| John Vanlieu,....                                  | Meadville,.....                                       |            |    |             |    | 6            | 57 | 1               | 83            | 1           | 13           |
| Vacant and able to<br>support a pastor,<br>united. | Northeast and Ripley,.....                            | 4          | 75 |             |    | 1            | 68 |                 | 37            |             |              |
|                                                    | Westfield, .....                                      |            |    |             |    |              |    | 1               | 66            |             |              |
|                                                    | Portland, .....                                       |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
|                                                    | Springfield, .....                                    |            |    |             |    |              |    | 1               | 46            |             | 7            |
|                                                    | Conneaut, .....                                       |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Vacant and unable<br>to support a pas-<br>tor.     | Waterford, .....                                      |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
|                                                    | Middlebrook, .....                                    |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
|                                                    | Cussawago, .....                                      |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
|                                                    | Gravel Run,.....                                      |            |    |             |    |              |    | 5               | 43            |             | 5            |
|                                                    | Union, .....                                          |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
|                                                    | Oil Creek,.....                                       |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 | 16            |             |              |
|                                                    | Broken Straw,.....                                    |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
|                                                    | Lottsville, .....                                     |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 | 12            |             | 9            |
|                                                    | Stillwater, .....                                     |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 | 14            |             |              |
|                                                    | Warren, .....                                         |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
|                                                    | Deerfield, .....                                      |            |    |             |    |              |    |                 |               |             |              |
|                                                    | Conneaut, .....                                       |            |    |             |    |              | 63 |                 |               |             | 1            |
|                                                    | Harmansburgh, .....                                   |            |    |             |    |              | 64 |                 |               |             | 5            |
|                                                    | United Christian Society,.....                        |            |    |             |    | 1            | 00 |                 |               | 1           |              |

The Presbytery of Hartford reported; their report was received, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Hartford report to the Synod of Pittsburgh, that they consist of 10 ministers, and have under their care 22 congregations, viz:

| MINISTERS.            | CONGREGATIONS.                                       | Miss. Fund. |    | Com. s Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total in Com. | Adults Bap. | Infants Bap. | Total. |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----|--------------|----|------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------|
|                       |                                                      | D.          | C. | D.           | C. |                  |               |             |              |        |
| Thomas E. Hughes,...  | Mount Pleasant,.....                                 | 22          | 81 | 2            | 58 | 11               | 210           | 15          | 15           |        |
| James Satterfield,... | Hubbard and Moorfield,.....                          |             |    | 1            | 25 | 6                | 163           | 1           | 11           | 12     |
| William Woods,....    | Hopewell and Neshanock,.....                         | 13          | 38 |              |    |                  |               |             |              |        |
| Chm't Valandingham    | New Lisbon,.....                                     | 7           | 82 | 4            | 12 | 16               | 251           | 39          | 39           |        |
| James Robertson,...   | Yellow Creek and Bethesda,.....                      | 5           | 76 | 2            | 00 | 65               | 93            | 15          | 127          | 142    |
| Robert Semple,....    | New Castle and Slippery Rock,.....                   | 7           | 50 | 3            | 76 | 17               | 203           | 2           | 17           | 19     |
| James Wright,.....    | Poland and Westfield,.....                           |             |    | 5            | 31 | 12               | 188           | 2           | 21           | 23     |
| John Core,.....       | Youngstown and Brookfield,.....                      | 6           | 12 | 3            | 28 | 10               | 142           | 2           | 17           | 19     |
| William Reed,.....    | Long's Run and New Salem,...                         | 9           | 74 | 5            | 13 | 39               | 183           | 2           | 35           | 37     |
| Joshua Beer,.....     | Without a pastoral charge,.....                      |             |    |              |    |                  |               |             |              |        |
| .....                 | Scotch Settlement, a vacant con-<br>gregation, ..... | 3           | 81 |              |    |                  |               |             |              |        |
| .....                 |                                                      | 77          | 49 | 27           | 44 | 176              | 1423          | 24          | 282          | 306    |

Vacant congregation able to support a pastor: Beaver town.

Vacant and unable to support a pastor: Newton, Canfield, Boardman, Meander, Ellsworth, Middle Sandy creek, Deerfield.

Presbytery further report, that on the 4th Tuesday of January last, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Joshua Beer and the congregation of Newton.

The Presbytery of Grand River reported; their report was received, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Grand River report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 3 members, and have under their care 29 congregations, 1 licentiate, and 2 candidates, viz:

| MINISTERS.                                       | CONGREGATIONS.                  | Com's Fund. |    | Education Fund. |    | Added last yr. | Total in Com. | Adults Rep. | Infants Rep. |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----|-----------------|----|----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                                  |                                 | D.          | C. | D.              | C. |                |               |             |              |
| Joseph Badger,...                                | Without a Pastoral Charge,..... | 2           | 86 | 50              | 00 | 10             | 99            | 2           | 15           |
| Giles H. Cowles,...                              | Austinburgh,.....               | 2           | 00 | 15              | 00 | 8              | 93            | 2           | 21           |
| Eph. T. Woodruff,...                             | Wayne,.....                     |             |    |                 |    |                |               |             |              |
| Abiel Jones,...                                  | Without a Pastoral Charge,..... |             |    |                 |    |                |               |             |              |
| N. B. Darrow,...                                 | Vienna,.....                    |             |    |                 |    | 1              | 63            |             | 8            |
| Jonathan Leslie,...                              | Without a Pastoral Charge,..... |             |    |                 |    |                |               |             |              |
| Harvey Coe,...                                   | Vernon,.....                    |             |    |                 |    | 7              | 210           | 3           | 50           |
| Amasa Loomis,...                                 | Painsville,.....                | 2           | 52 |                 |    | 1              | 47            |             | 2            |
| Luther Humphrey,...                              | Burton,.....                    | 2           | 20 |                 |    | 15             | 63            | 2           | 13           |
| Joseph W. Curtis,...                             | Warren,.....                    |             |    |                 |    | 15             | 130           | 1           | 28           |
| Randolph Stone,...                               | Morgan,.....                    |             |    |                 |    |                |               |             |              |
| Alvan Hyde,...                                   | Madison,.....                   |             |    |                 |    | 25             | 89            | 5           | 15           |
| William Strong,...                               | Without a Pastoral Charge.....  |             |    |                 |    |                |               |             |              |
|                                                  | Kingsville,.....                |             |    |                 |    | 4              | 23            | 1           | 4            |
|                                                  | Harpersfield and Geneva,.....   |             |    |                 |    |                | 54            |             | 1            |
|                                                  | Andover,.....                   |             |    |                 |    | 3              | 33            |             | 2            |
| Vacant congregations unable to support a Pastor, | Braceville,.....                | 1           | 00 |                 |    | 2              | 21            |             | 3            |
|                                                  | Johnson,.....                   |             |    |                 |    | 1              | 15            |             | 1            |
|                                                  | Bristol,.....                   |             |    |                 |    | 9              | 18            |             | 1            |
|                                                  | Fowler,.....                    |             |    |                 |    |                | 37            |             | 4            |
|                                                  | Rome,.....                      |             |    |                 |    |                | 14            |             | 2            |
|                                                  | Bainbridge,.....                |             |    |                 |    |                | 1             |             |              |
|                                                  |                                 | 9           | 98 | 75              | 00 | 101            | 1221          | 16          | 172          |

From sundry towns to Missionary Fund, \$75 00.

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor: Salem Mesopotamia, Kirtland, Huntsburg, Farmington, Chardon, Thompson, Bondstown, Chester, Green, Ashtabula, Southington.

Licentiate: Perry Pratt. Two Candidates.

The Presbytery of Portage reported; the report was received, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Portage report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that the consist of 10 members, and have under their care 39 congregations.

| MINISTERS.                                       | CONGREGATIONS.                                                                | Miss. Fund. |    | Edu. Fund. |    | Com's Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total in Com. | Adults Bap. | Infants Bap. |
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|                                                  |                                                                               | D.          | C. | D.         | C. | D.          | C. |                  |               |             |              |
| Caleb Pitkin,....                                | Charlestown,.....                                                             |             |    | 9          | 46 | 1           |    | 3                | 40            |             | 3            |
| John Seward,....                                 | Aurora,.....                                                                  |             |    | 1          | 20 | 2           |    |                  | 68            |             | 9            |
| Simeon Woodruff,....                             | Tallmadge,.....                                                               |             |    | 3          | 00 |             |    | 40               | 140           | 6           | 14           |
| William Hanford,....                             | Hudson,.....                                                                  | 6           | 5  | 00         | 6  | 00          | 3  | 7                | 55            | 1           | 2            |
| Joseph Treat,....                                | Wm dham,.....                                                                 |             |    | 3          | 00 | 2           |    | 13               | 55            |             | 11           |
| Alvan Coe,....                                   | Without Pastoral Charge,.....                                                 |             |    |            |    |             |    |                  |               |             |              |
| Benjamin Fenn,....                               | Nelson,.....                                                                  |             |    |            |    | 1           |    | 10               | 49            |             | 2            |
| Israel Shaler,....                               | Richfield,.....                                                               |             |    |            |    | 1           |    | 4                | 26            | 1           | 13           |
| Lot B. Sullivan,....                             | Lynn,.....                                                                    | 3           | 00 | 9          | 00 | 1           |    | 1                | 17            |             |              |
| Alfred H. Betts,....                             | Brownhelm,.....                                                               |             |    |            |    | 1           |    | 31               | 51            | 9           | 13           |
|                                                  | Euclid and Cleveland,.....                                                    |             |    |            |    | 1           | 68 |                  | 118           |             | 13           |
|                                                  | Springfield and Randolph,.....                                                | 5           | 00 |            |    | 1           | 12 | 11               | 21            | 2           | 7            |
| Vacant Congregations able to support a pastor.   | Rootstown and Atwater,.....                                                   |             |    |            |    | 1           |    |                  | 62            |             | 8            |
|                                                  | Mantua, Ravenna and Franklin,.....                                            | 1           | 71 |            |    | 1           | 65 | 15               | 54            | 2           | 13           |
|                                                  | Strongsville and Dover,.....                                                  |             |    | 1          | 70 | 1           |    | 1                | 53            |             | 3            |
|                                                  | Bricksville, Granger and Wadsworth,.....                                      |             |    |            |    | 2           |    | 12               | 17            | 2           | 10           |
| Vacant Congregations unable to support a pastor. | Greenfield and Peru,.....                                                     |             |    |            |    |             |    | 7                | 17            |             | 1            |
|                                                  | Florence, Huron & City of Sandusky,.....                                      |             |    |            |    |             |    |                  | 19            |             |              |
|                                                  | Thornlyke, Brunswick, Harrisville,.....                                       |             |    |            |    |             |    |                  |               |             |              |
|                                                  | Medina, Palmyra, Stone, Brooklyn, Shalersville, Black river, Fitchville,..... |             |    |            |    |             |    |                  |               |             |              |
|                                                  | Irvinburg,.....                                                               |             |    |            |    | 1           | 78 | 1                | 84            |             | 8            |
|                                                  |                                                                               | 74          | 71 | 33         | 36 | 22          | 23 | 158              | 996           | 33          | 100          |

The Presbytery of Washington reported; the report was received, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Washington report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 11 members, and have under their care 23 congregations, viz:

| MINISTERS.            | CONGREGATIONS.                              | Com's Fund. |    | Miss. Fund. |    | Edu. Fund. |    | Added last year. | Total in Com. | Adults Bap. | Infants Bap. |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|----|-------------|----|------------|----|------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                       |                                             | D.          | C. | D.          | C. | D.         | C. |                  |               |             |              |
| Thomas Marquis,....   | Gross Creek,.....                           | 4           | 00 | 90          | 00 |            |    | 7                | 255           | 4           | 20           |
| George M. Scott,....  | Mill Creek and Flats,.....                  | 2           | 39 | 51          | 10 |            |    | 19               | 274           | 1           | 43           |
| John Anderson,....    | Upper Buffalo,.....                         | 5           | 00 |             |    |            |    |                  |               |             |              |
| Elisha Macurdy,....   | Cross Roads and Three Springs,.....         | 2           | 00 | 200         | 00 | 9          | 00 | 24               | 390           |             | 37           |
| Cephas Dodd,....      | Stated supply at Lower Ten Mile,.....       |             |    |             |    |            |    |                  |               |             |              |
| Jos. Stevenson,....   | Three Ridges,.....                          | 1           | 50 | 108         | 20 |            |    | 8                | 355           |             | 30           |
| Andrew Wyllie,....    | Pres't of Washington College,.....          | 3           | 00 |             |    |            |    |                  |               |             |              |
| James Harvey,....     | Forks of Wheeling & Wheelingtown,.....      | 3           | 00 | 68          | 00 |            |    | 14               | 147           | 3           | 10           |
| Thomas Hoge,....      | Stated sup. at E. Buffalo & Clayville,..... | 2           | 00 |             |    |            |    | 18               | 82            | 1           | 10           |
| Jacob Cozad,....      | Lower Buffalo,.....                         | 2           | 00 |             |    |            |    | 11               | 82            | 1           | 10           |
| Ich'd L. Skinner,.... | Without a Pastoral Charge,.....             |             |    |             |    |            |    |                  |               |             |              |
|                       |                                             | 21          | 89 | 517         | 30 | 9          | 20 | 101              | 1334          | 11          | 170          |

Vacant congregation able to support a pastor: Upper Ten Mile.

Vacant and unable to support a pastor: Short creek, Wellsburg, Unity, Waynesburg, Crab Apple, Middletown, Sistersville and Ma-ley's Settlement.

Presbytery further report, that on the 10th of January last they received the Rev. Ichabod L. Skinner, formerly of the Poland county Association, Connecticut, as a member; and on the 16th of April following they dismissed the Rev. William M'Lean to join the Presbytery of Portage.

The Presbytery of Steubenville reported; their report was received and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Steubenville report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 18 members, and have under their care 8 congregations, and 1 licentiate, viz:

| MINISTERS.           | CONGREGATIONS.                  | Education Fund |    | Missy Fund. |    | Com's Fund: |    | Added last year | Total in Com: | Adults Rep. | Infants Rep. |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----|-------------|----|-------------|----|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                      |                                 | D.             | C. | D.          | C. | D.          | C. |                 |               |             |              |
| Lyman Potter,.....   | No Pastoral Charge,.....        |                |    |             |    |             |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Joseph Anderson,...  | Richland and Short creek,.....  |                |    |             |    | 4           | 00 |                 |               |             |              |
| James Snodgrass,...  | Island Creek,.....              | 1              | 00 | 8           | 50 | 1           | 43 | 14              | 73            | 1           | 28           |
| John Rhea,.....      | Beech Spring,.....              |                |    | 19          | 00 | 3           | 25 | 13              | 193           |             | 30           |
| Thomas Hunt,.....    | Two Ridges and Richmond,...     |                |    |             |    | 5           | 95 | 18              | 124           |             | 15           |
| Abraham Scott,.....  | Without a Pastoral Charge,..... |                |    |             |    |             |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Obadiah Jennings,... | Steubenville,.....              |                |    |             |    |             |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Salmon Cowles,...    | Crab Apple,.....                | 4              | 50 | 1           | 37 | 1           | 53 | 28              |               |             | 21           |
|                      |                                 | 5              | 50 | 28          | 87 | 16          | 16 | 73              | 390           |             | 194          |

Vacant congregations able to support a pastor: Freeport and Nottingham.

Vacant, unable to support a pastor: Ridge, New Hagerstown, Big Spring, Cadiz, Centreville, Sandy, Centre and M'Mahon's creek.

Licentiate: William Wallace.

Presbytery further report, that on the 20th November last they ordained Mr. Salmon Cowles to the office of the holy ministry, and installed him pastor of the congregation of Crab Apple.

The Presbytery of Allegheny reported; their report was received and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Allegheny report to the Synod of Pittsburgh that they consist of 8 members, and have under their care 21 congregations, viz:



| MINISTERS.                                                 | CONGREGATIONS.                  | Com's Fund. |    | Miss. Fund. |    | Edu. Fund. |    | Added last y'r. | Total in Com: | Adults Bap: | Infants Bap. |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----|-------------|----|------------|----|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                                            |                                 | D.          | C. | D.          | C. | D.         | C. |                 |               |             |              |
| Abraham Boyd,....                                          | Bull Creek and Deer Creek,..... | 1           | 65 |             |    | 1          | 50 | 10              | 70            |             | 12           |
| Alexander Cook,....                                        | Ebenezer and Bear Creek,.....   | 3           | 36 |             |    |            |    | 31              | 64            | 2           | 62           |
| Robert M'Garrough,                                         | Without a Pastoral Charge,..... | 1           | 00 |             |    | 1          | 00 |                 |               |             |              |
| Cyrus Riggs,.....                                          | Scrubgrass and Unity,.....      | 1           | 51 |             |    | 1          | 75 | 6               | 60            | 1           | 8            |
| Reed Bracken,.....                                         | Nebo and Middlesex,.....        | 2           | 63 |             |    | 1          | 00 | 4               | 62            | 1           | 15           |
| John Reddick,.....                                         | Slatelick and Union,.....       |             |    |             |    | 1          | 00 |                 |               |             |              |
| John Munson,.....                                          | Plaingrove and Centre,.....     | 1           | 62 | 13          | 00 | 13         | 50 | 16              | 239           |             | 20           |
| Hezekiah May,.....                                         | Without a Pastoral Charge,..... |             |    |             |    |            |    |                 |               |             |              |
| Vacant Congrega-<br>tions able to sup-<br>port a pastor.   | Butler and Concord,.....        | 3           | 00 |             |    |            |    |                 |               |             |              |
|                                                            | New Rehoboth and Licking,.....  |             |    |             |    | 3          | 40 | 11              | 200           |             | 23           |
| Vacant Congrega-<br>tions not able to<br>support a pastor. | Franklin, Amity,.....           |             |    |             |    |            |    |                 |               |             |              |
|                                                            | Richland,.....                  |             |    |             |    |            | 50 |                 |               |             |              |
|                                                            | Red Bank, Eight Tracts,.....    |             |    |             |    |            |    |                 |               |             |              |
|                                                            |                                 | 14          | 75 | 13          | 00 | 23         | 65 | 68              | 717           | 5           | 442          |

Presbytery further report, that on the 23d of October last they received the Rev. Hezekiah May, from the Presbytery of Cayuga, as a member—that on the 10th of February following the Rev. Jno. M'Pherrin, one of their members, and pastor of the united congregations of Butler and Concord, was removed by death—and that on the 3d of April ensuing they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Robert M'Garrough to the congregation of New Rehoboth and Licking.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 4th, 1822.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Ralston, Francis Herron, Wm. Speer, Thomas Marquis, William Wylie, Obadiah Jennings and Andrew O. Patterson were appointed a committee to consider whether any changes, and if any, what changes should be made in the present boundaries of the Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio, Washington and Steubenville, and to report to Synod as early as practicable.

The Rev. Messrs. George Scott, Boyd Mercer, John Core, Rob't M'Garrough, James Guthrie and William Reed; with the Elders, Messrs. John M'Millan and Alexander Guthrie, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

The committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a Theological Seminary, reported; the report was received, and is as follows:

The committee appointed to enquire into the expediency and practicability of uniting with the Synod of Ohio for the purpose of

founding a Theological Seminary in the West, report, that in the opinion of your committee, the Seminary at Princeton presents advantages to theological students far superior to any that we can hope to realize for many years to come, in a similar Institution, yet to be established in the west. But while we feel disposed to give all the encouragement and support in our power to that highly important and useful institution, we cannot with propriety feel unconcerned for the improvement of those who are unable to avail themselves of its superior advantages; and knowing that a number of promising young men graduate from year to year at the colleges within our bounds, who have the gospel ministry in view, but are not in possession of sufficient means to support them in Princeton, we feel it a duty incumbent on this Synod to provide the best means of instruction our circumstances will admit of for students of Divinity, who cannot go abroad. To attain this object, your committee beg leave to recommend the following resolutions, viz:

1. Resolved, That a Theological School, for the above purposes, be established by this Synod, the present *site* of which to be at Jefferson College.

2. Resolved, That this Synod appoint an agent in each Presbytery, to solicit donations in books and money for said school; and report to Synod at their next meeting.

3. Resolved, That a letter be addressed to the Synod of Ohio, stating the reasons at large why this Synod think it most expedient at present to adopt this course.

On motion, Resolved, That the further consideration of the foregoing report be indefinitely postponed; and that the Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, Obadiah Jennings and Elisha P. Swift be a committee to confer with a similar committee, if appointed by the Synod of Ohio, on the expediency and practicability of establishing a Theological Seminary in the Western country, and report to the next meeting of Synod.

The committee appointed to enquire whether any changes, and if any, what changes should be made in the present boundaries of the Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio, Washington and Steubenville, report, that they have agreed to recommend it to the Synod, to detach from the Presbytery of Redstone and annex to the Presbytery of Ohio, the Rev. Messrs. John Andrews, Francis Herron, Joseph Stockton, Robert Patterson and Elisha P. Swift, with their several charges, and all that portion of the bounds of the Presbytery of Redstone which is situated north and west of the Ohio and Allegheny rivers; and that the congregation of Centre be detached from the Presbytery of Steubenville and annexed to the Presbytery of Washington, Pa.

On motion, Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Obadiah Jennings and Thomas Hoge be a committee to revise the rules and regulations for the government of the Synod; to report at their next annual meeting.

Adjourned to meet at half past 2 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

HALF-PAST 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

On enquiry it appeared from the statements of the members generally, that the practice of visiting, by two and two, as recommended in the resolutions of last meeting of Synod, "more successfully to promote the cause of Christ within our bounds," has been attended with many and special benefits to the congregations, *so visited*.

Whereupon, on motion, Resolved, That so much of said resolutions as relate to this practice *be again recommended* to the ministers of this Synod.

Synod took up the appeal of Mr. Andrew Gwin from the Presbytery of Ohio. After the sentence appealed from was read, as also the whole record of the proceedings of the inferior judicatory in the case, including all the testimony and reasons of their decision—the appellant being heard at length—

On motion, Resolved, That the the decision of the Presbytery be confirmed. Yeas, 16—Nays, 5—Non Liquefs, 17.

Mr. Gwin appealed from the above decision; as follows:

"MODERATOR :

I am sorry that I am under the necessity of appealing from the decision of the Synod. I conceive that they were compelled to this course by the decision of the General Assembly. But at the same time, I feel satisfied, inasmuch as an opportunity will thereby be afforded me for correcting those misrepresentations, which had, as I apprehend, great influence on the Assembly in forming their decision. This, Sir, I offer as the reason of my appeal.

AND'W GWINN.

To the Moderator of the Synod of Pittsburgh. October 4th, 1822."

On motion, Resolved, That at future meetings of the Synod, the committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries, be instructed to make a fair statement of the inaccuracies, errors, &c., that appear worthy of notice; in order that such as the Synod may decide to be of sufficient magnitude to require correction, may be so corrected, and ordered to be entered on the minutes of said Presbyteries, before they are approved and signed by the Moderator.

The committee appointed to prepare a condensed narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of Synod, reported; the report was received and adopted.

On motion, Ordered, That the Presbytery of Ohio send up to the next General Assembly the records of said Presbytery in relation to the case of Mr. Andrew Gwin.

The Missionary Societies of Grand River and Portage Presbyteries reported to the Synod.

On motion, Resolved, That each of the societies auxiliary to the Western Missionary Society report to the Board of Trust, at least two weeks before the meetings of Synod.

Resolved, That our stated clerk do forward to the stated clerk of the Synod of Ohio, a certified copy of the resolution of Synod relating to "the expediency and practicability of establishing a Theological Seminary in the western country."

Adjourned to meet in the 1st Presbyterian Church in the city of Pittsburgh, on the first Tuesday of October, 1823, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Examined and approved thus far by the General Assembly, May 22, 1823.

JOHN CHESTER, *Moderator.*

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PITTSBURGH, Oct. 7th, 1823.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Thomas E. Hughes, Moderator of the last year.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone:—The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Porter, William Speer, Francis Laird, William Wylie, James Graham, Robert Johnston, David Barclay, Ashbel G. Fairchild, Andrew O. Patterson and Thomas Davis; with the Elders, Messrs. John Wilson, David Hunter and Robert Rainey.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio:—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., Joseph Patterson, Samuel Ralston, D. D., William Woods, Matthew Brown, D. D., Francis Herron, John Andrews, Joseph Stockton, Robert Patterson, William M'Millan, Moses Allen, Thomas D. Baird, Elisha P. Swift, Obadiah Jennings and William Jeffery; with the Elders, Messrs. Johnston Glass, Rober Jewel, James Cooper, William D. Hawkens, William Hartupée, Alexander Irwin, George Herriot, Benjamin Williams, D. Hartupée and William Courtney.

Of the Presbytery of Erie:—The Rev. Messrs. Amos Chase, Timothy Alden, Samuel Tait and Johnston Eaton.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford:—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, James Satterfield, Robert Sample, James Wright, John Core, and William Reed; with the Elders, Messrs. Robert Smith and Stephen Todd.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River:—The Rev. Messrs. Giles H. Cowels, D. D., Ephriam T. Woodruff, Jonathan Leslie, Harvey Coe, Luther Humphrey and Randolph Stone.

Of the Presbytery of Portage:—The Rev. Messrs. Caleb Pitkin, John Seward, Simeon Woodruff and Alvan Coe.

Of the Presbytery of Washington, Pa.—The Rev. Messrs. George Scott, Andrew Wylie, James Hervey, Thomas Hoge and William M'Lean; with the Elders, Messrs. John Duncan and Thomas Harshey.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville.—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Anderson, James Snodgrass, John Rhea, Abraham Scott and Donald M'Intosh; with the Elders, Messrs. Aaron Allen and William Wylie.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny.—The Rev. Messrs. Abraham Boyd, Alexander Cook, Robert M'Garrough, Cyrus Riggs, Reed Bracken, John Munson and John Coulter; with the Elders, Messrs. Ephraim Harris and John Neyman.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone:—The Rev. Messrs. James Power, D. D., Joseph Henderson, William Swan, James Guthrie, William Johnston, Asa Brooks, Aretus Loomis and John Reed.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio:—The Rev. Messrs. Boyd Mercer, George Vennemon and Andrew M'Donald.

Of the Presbytery of Erie:—The Rev. Messrs. Ira Condit Phineas Camp and John Vanlieu.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford:—The Rev. Messrs. William Woods, Clement Valandingham, Joshua Beer and James Robinson.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River:—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Abiel Jones, Nathan B. Darrow, Perry Pratt, Amasa Loomis, Alvan Hyde, Joseph W. Curtis and William Strong.

Of the Presbytery of Portage:—The Rev. Messrs. William Hanford, Joseph Treat, Benjamin Fenn, Israel Shaler, Lot B. Sullivan and Alfred H. Betts.

Of the Presbytery of Washington Pa.:—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. Marquis, John Anderson, D. D., Elisha Macurdy, Cephas Dodd, Joseph Stevenson, Jacob Cozad and Ichabod L. Skinner.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville:—The Rev. Messrs. Lyman Potter, Thomas Hunt, Salmon Cowles and William Wallace.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny:—The Rev. Messrs. John Reddick, Hezekiah May and William Kennedy.

Synod proceeded to the choice of a moderator and clerk.

The Rev. Thomas Hoge was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Randolph Stone, Clerk.

The Rev. Charles C. Beatty, from the Synod of New Jersey, being present, was invited, and took his seat as a corresponding member.

The minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Porter, David Barclay, Joseph Patterson, Amos Chase, Timothy Alden, Johnston Eaton, Robert Semple, Giles H. Cowles, D. D., Jonathan Leslie, Harvey Coe, Luther Humphrey, Caleb Pitkin, James Snodgrass, Abraham Scott and Abraham Boyd, assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. William Speer, Obadiah Jennings, Samuel Tait, Thomas E. Hughes, Giles H. Cowles, D. D., John Seward, Andrew Wylie, Donald M'Intosh and Cyrus Riggs, with the Elders; Messrs. Robert Rainey, George Herriott and Benjamin Williams, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, and afterward on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. Matthew Brown, D. D., and Thomas D. Baird, were appointed a committee, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Messrs. John Munson and Johnston Eaton, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. Messrs. James Wright and William Reed, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie.

The Rev. Messrs. Harvey Coe and Luther Humphrey, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. Messrs. Simeon Woodruff and Caleb Pitkin, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Grand River.

The Rev. Messrs. George Scott and James Hervey, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Portage.

The Rev. Messrs. John Rhea and Joseph Anderson, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Washington, Pa.

The Rev. Messrs. Reed Bracken and John Coulter, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Steubenville.

The Rev. Messrs. James Graham and Andrew O. Patterson, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Allegheny.

On motion Resolved, That it be recommended to the members of this Synod to meet every morning during its sessions at 6 o'clock, in the 1st and 2d churches, alternately, to spend some time in special prayer, for the outpouring of the spirit of God, upon the churches under their care.

On motion, Resolved, That the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon, will be receiving narratives of the state of religion in the several Presbyteries, within the bounds of this Synod.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Oct. 8th, 1823.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Jacob Cozad appeared at this time, his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

A sermon was delivered last evening by the Rev. Thomas E. Hughes, Moderator of the last year, from Matth. 16th, 24th: "For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul; or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

A request was presented, through the committee of Bills and Overtures, from the Congregation of Pigeon creek, to be attached to the Presbytery of Washington.

On motion, Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted during the continuance of the Rev. Andrew Wylie's labours among them.

A petition was presented by the Presbytery of Portage, praying for a division of said Presbytery.

The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Ralston, D. D., Obadiah Jennings and Timothy Alden were appointed a committee to enquire into the expediency of recommending the religious observance of the 4th of July by the churches under the care of this Synod, and to report in the afternoon.

The committee appointed by Synod at its last meeting, to visit the Presbyterian and Congregational churches in Springfield, in the bounds of the Presbytery of Erie, in reference to difficulties existing between them, reported; their report was received, and their conduct approved. The report is as follows.

“SPRINGFIELD, Nov. 15th, 1822.

“The committee appointed by the Synod of Pittsburgh, to visit the Presbyterian and Congregational churches in Springfield, in reference to difficulties existing between them, convened, and after public worship, constituted by prayer.

“Members present,—Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, Ephriam T. Woodruff and Randolph Stone.

“The Rev. Ephriam T. Woodruff was appointed chairman, and the Rev. Randolph Stone, scribe of the committee.”

“Committee had a free conversation on the subject of the existing difficulties between the two churches, and of the measures to be pursued to effect a reconciliation,—had a recess until after supper. After recess, committee convened, and heard the churches respectively state their matters of difficulty, for the purpose of gaining all the information possible in the case.

“Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.”

“NOVEMBER, 16th, 1822

“Committee met agreeably to adjournment. Opened with prayer. After having some consultation with the two churches, and hearing other additional statements respectively, it was deemed expedient to confer with each church separately, and accordingly the Presbyterian brethren were requested to withdraw. The committee then entered into a free discussion of the points of difficulty with the Congregational church. After having labored to remove from their mind all obstructions to a union with their Presbyterian brethren, the following resolution was submitted to the Congregational church, and unanimously adopted. To wit:

“Resolved, That the members of the Congregational church in Springfield, will unite with the Presbyterian church in said place, on the principles of union, recommended by the General Assem-

“bly of the Presbyterian church and the General Association of the State of Connecticut, provided also, that we be permitted to be present at the examination of all candidates for membership in the said church, and have liberty to ask questions for the satisfaction of our consciences; and also, that we be permitted to attend all trials in cases of disciplines; and moreover, that we be permitted to commune with such regular and Christian churches, as the Providence of God may afford us opportunity to commune with.”

“The Congregational brethren were now dismissed for a season, and the Presbyterian brethren called in; when the committee entered into a free discussion of the matters of difficulty between them and their Congregational brethren, and labored to remove from their minds all obstructions to an amicable settlement of differences. After which the resolution, adopted by the Congregational church, was read; and the following Resolution was submitted and adopted by the Presbyterian church, to wit.

“Resolved, That the Presbyterian church in Springfield will unite with the Congregational church in said place, on the principles of the union recommended by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, and the General Association of the State of Connecticut, and upon the provisions specified in the resolution adopted by the Congregational church in reference to their union with us, to wit: That they be permitted to be present at the examination of all candidates for membership in the church, and have liberty to ask questions for the satisfaction of their own consciences; and also that they be permitted to attend all trials in cases of discipline, and moreover, that they be permitted to commune with such regular and christian churches, as the Providence of God may afford them opportunity to commune with.”

“The Congregational brethren were then called in, and the resolution adopted by the Presbyterian church, read to them; after which the following resolution was submitted to the two churches, and mutually adopted; to wit:

“Resolved, That the present ruling Elders in the Presbyterian church, viz: Charles Manly, Isaac Miller, James Blair, Robert Porter and Allen Law, and the present acting Deacon, in the Congregational Church, namely; William Branch, be and are hereby appointed and constituted the standing committee of the united church in Springfield, according to the principles of union recommended by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, and the General Association of Connecticut.”

“The union of the two churches was now consummated to the apparent satisfaction of all parties, and the brethren declared to be one united church, and dismissed with prayer and the apostolic blessing. Copy of the original minutes. Signed,

EPHRAIM T. WOODRUFF, *Chairman of the Committee.*  
R. STONE, *Scribe of the Committee.*”



Mr. Samuel Swan, a member of the standing committee, in the Congregation of Boardman, appeared and was admitted to a seat in Synod

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio, Washington, Steubenville, Hartford, Portage and Grand River, reported; their reports were received and the records approved.

Written narratives of the state of religion within the bounds of the Presbyteries under the care of Synod, were read and laid on the table; and the Rev. Messrs. Swift and Graham were appointed a committee to prepare from these a condensed narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod.

On motion, Resolved, that the Rev. Messrs. Fairchild, Allen, Eaton, Wright, Humphrey, Pitkin, Hervey, Snodgrass and Munson, with the elders, Messrs. Hawkins, Hartupce and Irwin, be appointed a committee to enquire into the causes of the low state of religion within our bounds; and also to enquire, what measures should be adopted by Synod, in consequence of the existence of this state of things.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod, to confer with a similar committee from the Synod of Ohio, (if appointed) on the practicability of establishing a Theological Seminary within their boundaries, were called upon to report. Synod having heard the statements of the members of that committee on the subject of their appointment, and the various reasons assigned for their non-attendance, on motion,

Resolved, That their reasons be sustained, and the committee discharged from any further attention to the subject.

Messrs. James Orr, Robert Rainey, William Wylie and David Hunter, Elders, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions. Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock; concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, Oct. 9th, 1823.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A missionary sermon was delivered last evening by the Rev. Simeon Woodruff, on Matthew 26:6—13, inclusive: "Now when Jesus," &c. After sermon a collection in aid of the Missionary Fund was taken up, amounting to \$33.82.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to the Rev. Simeon Woodruff for the Missionary sermon delivered last evening.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Presby-

tery of Allegheny reported; the report was accepted, and the records approved, with the exception of the minute respecting the reception of Mr. John Coulter, under the care of that Presbytery.

The Committee appointed to revise the rules for the Government of this Synod, reported,

"That they recommend the adoption, by this Synod, of the *"General Rules for Judicatories,"* appended to the revised form of Government, of the Presbyterian Church, with the following amendments, viz: Instead of the 18th rule, the committee recommend the following as a substitute:

"If the previous question be decided in the affirmative, the effect shall be to arrest the discussion of the *main question*, which shall be forthwith put without further debate; if in the negative, the debate on the *main question* shall proceed."

The committee further recommend the amendment of the 20th Rule, by striking out the words, "either by the operation of the previous question, or by a direct motion for an *indefinite postponement*. So that the rule shall read thus, "a subject which has been indefinitely postponed, shall not again be called up during the same sessions of the judicatory, unless by the consent of three-fourths of the members who were present at the decision."

The committee further recommend the striking out the 41st Rule as unnecessary and inapplicable to this judicatory.

On motion, Resolved, That this report be adopted; and that the Rev. Messrs. Jos. Patterson and Jno. Andrews be a committee to have 500 copies of these amended rules and regulations printed, and distributed among the members of this Synod, and the expenses defrayed from its funds.

On motion, Resolved, That the Synod highly approve of the practice of those who celebrate the anniversary of American Independence in a religious manner; and who on that day express their gratitude to God by their charitable donations; and would rejoice if all those who pay any special attention to the day, would celebrate it in a similar manner.

The unfinished business of yesterday was resumed, and on motion,

Resolved, That the petition from the Presbytery of Portage, praying for a division of said Presbytery, be granted; and that the following ministers, to wit, the Rev. Messrs. Simeon Woodruff, Alvan Coe, Israel Shaler, Lot B. Sullivan and Alfred H. Betts, with the congregations in the counties of Cuyahoga, Huron, Medina and Lorraine, be erected into a new Presbytery, to be called by the name of the Presbytery of Huron, to meet at Brownhelm on the 2d Tuesday of November next, at 11 o'clock, A. M., to be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Simeon Woodruff, or in case of his absence by the next senior minister attending, who is also to preside until a Moderator is chosen.

Synod having received information, that the accommodation effected by the committee of Synod between the Presbyterian and Congregational churches of Springfield, had been interrupted.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., Robert Johnston, Francis Laird, William Wylie and James Wright, be a committee to confer with the Presbytery of Erie, in whose bounds the congregations lie, on the subject of the exciting difficulties in said churches, and to report to Synod.

On motion, Resolved, That the report of the Board of Trust, and also the election of the Board of Trust for the ensuing year, be made the order of the day for this afternoon.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

On motion, Resolved, That application be made to the next General Assembly, to alter the line dividing this Synod from that of Ohio, so as to embrace the Missionary station on the Maumee, within the bounds of this Synod; and that due notice be given by the Stated Clerk, to the Synod of Ohio, of the intended application.

On motion, Resolved, That a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Western Missionary Society be published annually by the Board of Trust.

The Board of Trust of the Western Missionary Society, reported. Their report was accepted and their conduct approved. On motion,

Resolved, That 2000 copies of the report be printed for distribution.

On motion, Resolved, That it be particularly enjoined on all the Missionary Societies, Auxiliary to the Western Missionary Society, to be punctual in reporting annually to the Board, at least two weeks before the meeting of Synod, and that this injunction be appended to the printed report of the Board.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Arctus Loomis, with his charge, be detached from the Presbytery of Redstone, and attached to the Presbytery of Lexington in the Synod of Virginia, agreeably to the direction of the last General Assembly.

Synod proceeded to the election of a Board of Trust for the ensuing year. When the Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, John Andrews, Elisha Macurdy, Joseph Stockton, Elisha P. Swift and Obadiah Jennings; with the Elders, Messrs. James Cooper, John Hannon and Samuel Thompson was duly elected, to meet to-morrow morning in this place, at half-past 8 o'clock, and afterward on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Porter and Salmon Cowles, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Whereas, This Synod has learned with regret, that their appointment of a committee to correspond with a similar committee of the Synod of Ohio, relative to the establishment of a Theological Seminary, by the co-operation of the two Synods, has been for the present providentially frustrated, and although the condition of the churches under their care, does not encourage the hope, that this im-

portant object can be immediately prosecuted with the desired success; yet the Synod viewing with deep concern, their obligations to do what they can to provide a respectable and godly Ministry for the church of our Lord in this Western country, adopted the following resolution, viz:

That the Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, Elisha P. Swift and Obadiah Jennings, be a committee to correspond with the Synod of Ohio, and that they avail themselves of the opportunity which the next meeting of the General Assembly will afford, to have an interchange of sentiment with the commissioners from the bounds of that Synod on this important subject. That the foregoing committee be instructed to address a communication to the Synod of Ohio, with as little delay as practicable, requesting that Synod to take such order on the subject, as that the commissioners to the next General Assembly from the bounds of the two Synods, may be enabled to report to their respective Synods at their meetings in 1824.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Oct. 10, 1824.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to enquire into the causes of the low state of religion, &c., presented a report, which was received and referred to the committee appointed to prepare a condensed narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of Synod; and Messrs. Herron and Andrews were added to this committee. Ordered that this committee be directed to select such parts of the before mentioned report, as may be deemed proper, for publication.

The Rev. Mr. Timothy Alden, with the Elders, Messrs. E. Harris, A. Irwin, R. Smith, Aaron Hartupce and John Neyman, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

An appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Ohio in the case of a reference from the Session of Washington congregation, in relation to Dr. John Wishart, was taken up. After the documents were read, and the parties heard at length—

On motion, Resolved, That the case of Dr. John Wishart, brought before this Synod, by an appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Ohio, be referred back to that Presbytery, with instructions to grant the said Dr. Wishart opportunity to adduce testimony in support of his allegations, viz: "That the question decided by the Presbytery of Ohio, was not the matter really referred to them by the Session of the Congregation of Washington, Pa."

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The following Presbyteries reported; their reports were accepted, and are as follows, viz:

**No. 1 FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE.** This Presbytery consists of 17 members, and has under its care 40 congregations, and 1 licentiate, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Miss. Fund.		Com's Fund.		Edu. Fund.		Added last y'r.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants bap.
		D.	C. C.	D.	C.	D.	C.				
James Power, D. D.,	Without Pastoral Charge,.....										
Jos. W. Henderson,	Ebenezer and Bethel,.....										
Samuel Porter,.....	Congruity,.....	48	00	2	00	47	25	23	210		38
William Swan,.....	Without Pastoral Charge,.....										
William Speer,.....	Greensburg and Unity,.....					10	00	41	257	3	25
Francis Laird,.....	Plumb Creek and Poke Run,.....										
William Wylie,.....	Uniontown,.....										
Robt. Johnston,.....	Rehoboth and Round Hill,.....			3	00			9	197		17
James Graham,.....	Beulah,.....										
James Guthrie,.....	Laurel Hill and Tyrone,.....							11	207		10
William Johnston,.....	Dunlap's Creek and Brownsville,.....										
A. G. Fairchild,.....	Morgantown and George's Creek,.....			3	00			11	148		17
John Reed,.....	Indiana and Gilgal,.....							15	153		53
Asa Brooks,.....	French Creek and Buchanan,.....					7	70		38		9
David Barclay,.....	Harmony and Plumb Creek,.....										
A. O. Patterson,.....	Sewickly and Mount Pleasant,.....					29	81	29	222		4
Thomas Davis,.....	Salem and West Union,.....										

Vacant congregations able to support a pastor, viz: Long run, Fairfield, Ligonier and Donegal.

Vacant, unable to support a pastor: Saltsburg, Kittanning, Warren, Crossings, Salt Lick Valley and Middletown.

1 Licentiate, viz: Matthew Dunlap.

Presbytery further reported, that the Rev. Messrs. John Andrews, Francis Herron, Joseph Stockton, Robert Patterson and Elisha P. Swift, with their several charges, were detached from the Presbytery of Redstone, and attached to the Presbytery of Ohio, agreeably to a resolution of Synod, passed at their last meeting—that on the 13th of November last they ordained Mr. Thomas Davis to the whole work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Salem and West Union—and on the 6th of April following they received under their care Mr. Matthew Dunlap, a licentiate from the "Relief Presbytery" of Glasgow, in Scotland.

ROBERT JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk,*

**No 2 PRESBYTERY OF OHIO.** This Presbytery consists of 19 members, and has under its care 24 congregations, 2 licentiates and 1 candidate, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Theol. Fund.		Educ. Fund.		Miss. Fund.		Com. Fund.		Added last year.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.
		D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.				
John McMillan, D. D.,	Chartier's .....					70	00	3	06	11	278		13
Joseph Patterson, . . .	Without a Pastoral Charge, . . .												
John Andrews, . . .	Stated Sup. at Duff's and Sewickly, . . .							2	38		27	1	3
Boyd Mercer, . . .	Without a Pastoral Charge, . . .												
Sam. Ralston, D. D.,	Mingo Creek & Williamsport, . . .							5	50				
William Woods, . . .	Bethel, . . .							1	72	9	152		12
Francis Herron, . . .	1st Church, Pittsb'gh,	80	00	110	00	224	87	8	00	45	216		12
Math. Brown, D. D.,	Without a Pastoral Charge, . . .												
Robert Patterson, . . .	Highlands, . . .					71	50	3	00	5	119	3	19
Joseph Stockton, . . .	Pine Creek and Alleghenytown, . . .					15	00			14	96	1	12
William McMillan, . . .	Without a Pastoral Charge, . . .												
Moses Allen, . . .	Raccoon, . . .					49	00	2	00	12	220	0	16
Andrew McDonald, . . .	W. O. Flats and Flaherty's, . . .												
Geo. Vannemon, . . .	New Providence and Jefferson, . . .							2	25	8	53	4	20
Thomas D. Baird, . . .	Lebanon, . . .			1	50	15	38	3	51	11	134	3	18
Elisha P. Swift, . . .	2d Church, Pittsb'gh,	30	00	81	00	216	00	7	50	30	188	2	18
William Jeffery, . . .	Bethany, . . .					72	09	2	31	22	125	3	10
Obadiah Jennings, . . .	Washington, Pa. . .												
Robert M. Laird, . . .	Miss'ary at the Falls of St. Mary, Michigan Territory, . . .							1	07	} Collected of sundry congregations.			
								6	75				
								6	20				
		110	00	192	50	718	80	57	70	153	1512	16	165

Vacant congregations able to support a pastor: Monteurs, Pigeon creek, Miller's run.

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor: Bentleysville, Hopewell.

2 Licentiates, viz: William Smith, Alexander M'Candless, and 1 Candidate.

Presbytery further reported, that on the 15th of October, 1822, they received the Rev. Messrs. John Andrews, Francis Herron, Robert Patterson, Joseph Stockton and Elisha P. Swift, who, with their several charges, were by a resolution of Synod at its last meeting, detached from the Presbytery of Redstone, and attached to this Presbytery—that on the 17th of April last they dismissed Mr. John Coulter, a licentiate under their care, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Allegheny—and on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Matthew Brown and the congregation of Washington—that on the 24th of June last, they received the Rev. Obadiah Jennings, from the Presbytery of Steubenville, as a member—and on the 19th of August, they ordained Mr. R. M. Laird to the office of an Evangelist.

WILLIAM JEFFERY, *Stated Clerk.*

**No 3 PRESBYTERY OF ERIE.** The Presbytery of Erie consists of 6 members, and has under its care 29 congregations, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Edu. Fund.		Miss. Fund.		Com. Fund.		Total in Com. Added last y'r.	Infants Bap.
		D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.		
Amos Chase,...	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....								
Samuel Tait,...	Mercer and Salem,.....	26	00	25		3		262	10
Johnston Eaton,	Fairview,.....			16	00	1	00		
Ira Condit,....	Up. Sandy, Fairfield and Big Sugar Creek,								
John Vanlien,...	Meadville,.....								
Timothy Alden,	President of Allegheny College,.....								
Vacant Con-	Eric,.....			27	00	5	00	1	42
gregations,									3
able to sup-									
port a past.						1	21		
	North East and Ripley,.....								
	Waterford and Gravel Run,.....								
	By other Congregations,.....			13	00	3	53		

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor: Conneaut, Middlebrook, Cussawaga, Union, Oil creek, Great Broken Straw, Lottsville, Warren, Deerfield, Allegheny, Harmansburg, United C. Society, Springfield, West Sugar creek, Conneaut Lake and Sugar Grove. 1 Licentiate: John Barrett.

JOHNSTON EATON, *Stated Clerk.*

**No 4 PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD.** There was no report from this Presbytery.

**No 5 PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RIVER.** This Presbytery consists of 14 members, and has under its care 21 congregations, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Com. Fund.		Added last y'r.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Total.
		D.	C.					
Joseph Badger,...	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....		50					
G. H. Cowles, D. D.,	Austinburgh,.....	2	03	13	109	5	19	24
Eph. T. Woodruff,	Wayne,.....	2	50	9	102	1	10	11
Abiel Jones,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....							
N. B. Darrow,.....	Vienna,.....		2	00				
Jonathan Leslie,...	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....		50					
Harvey Coe,.....	Vernon,.....	2	50	2	208	1	25	26
Amasa Loomis,...	Painsville,.....	2	50		47		3	3
Luther Humphrey,	Burton,.....	2	38	6	67	1	25	26
Joseph W. Curtis,	Warren,.....	2	00	1	127		3	3
Randolph Stone,...	Morgan,.....	2	08	5	49		18	18
Alvan Hyde,.....	Madison,.....	1	09	7	88		25	25
William Strong,...	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....							
Perry Pratt,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....		50					
	Ashtabula and.....			6	13	2	6	8
Vacant congrega-	Kingsville,.....	1	45	6	29		5	5
tions able to	Harpersfield and Geneva,.....		87	36	88	3	19	22
support a Pas-	Bristol,.....		56	1	18		3	3
tor.	Salem and Mesopotamia,.....			10	37	4	11	15
	Kirkland Charter and Bloomfield,....			5	25	1	12	13

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor : Thompson, Andover, Braceville, Johnston, Fowler, Rome, Bainbridge, Huntsburg, Chardon, Bondstown and Southington.

No 6 PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE. There was no report from this Presbytery.

No 7 PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON, PA. This Presbytery consists of 12 members, and has under its care 20 congregations, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Miss. Fund.		Edu. Fund.		Com. s Fund.		Added last y'r.	Total in Com.	Adults Rep.	Infants Rep.
		D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.				
Thomas Marquis,	Cross Creek,.....	160	00			4	00	16	257		35
George Scott,	Mill Creek and Flats,.....	10	00			2	85	19	287	2	43
J. Anderson, D. D.,	Upper Buffalo,.....	133	96			5	75	10	221		20
Elisha Macurdy,	Cross Roads and Three Springs,	90	00			3	00	33	417	5	27
John Stevenson,	Three Ridges,.....	20	00					12	153		30
Cephas Dodd,	Stated Supply at lower Ten Mile,										
Andrew Wylie,	President of Washington College,										
James Hervey,	Wheeling & Forks of Wheeling,	81	76	70	85	3	50	12	154	1	9
Thomas Hoge,	East Buffalo and Caysville,....					2	00	29	84	2	21
Jacob Cozad,	Lower Buffalo and Center,....	28	00					28	131	7	30
L. L. Skinner,	Without a Pastoral Charge,....										
L. Robbins,	Superintendent of the Missionary										
	family among the Ottawa										
	Indians,.....										
		416	72	70	35	21	10	152	1704	18	233

Vacant congregation able to support a pastor : Upper Ten Mile.

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor : Short creek, Unity, Wellsburg, Waynesburgh, Crab Apple.

Presbytery further reported, that on 16th of April last, they received the Rev. Ludovicus Robbins, from the Association of Hartford North, Connecticut, as a member—and that on the 27th of August ensuing, they installed the Rev. Jacob Cozad pastor of the congregation of Centre, Ohio.

THOMAS HOGE, *Stated Clerk.*

No 8 PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE. This Presbytery consists of 9 members, and has under its care 13 congregations, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Edu. Fund.		Miss. Fund.		Com. s Fund.		Added last year.	Total in Com.	Adults Rep.	Infants Rep.	Total.
		D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.					
Lyman Potter,	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....											
Joseph Anderson,	Richland and Short creek,.....					6	00	11	202	4	27	31
James Snodgrass,	Island creek,.....	10	25	20	00	2	08	8	74	1	6	7
John Rhea,	Beech Spring,.....	10	00	30	00	4	00	28	221	1	23	24
Thomas Hunt,	Two Ridges and Richmond,.....					4	00	23	134	2	14	16
Abraham Scott,	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....											
Salmon Cowles,	Crab Apple,.....	7	45	91	43	1	19	19			26	26
Donald McIntosh,	Cadiz,.....				6	50	3	40	9	1	4	5
William Wallace,	Freeport and Nottingham,.....							12	56			



Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor: Ridge, New Hagerstown, Big Spring, Centreville, M'Mahon's creek and Fairview.

The Presbytery further reported, that on the 16th of October last, they ordained Mr. William Wallace to the office of the holy ministry, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Freeport and Nottingham—and on the day following they ordained Mr. Donald M'Intosh to the same sacred office, and installed him pastor of the congregation of Cadiz—and that on the 25th of June last, they dismissed the Rev. Obadiah Jennings to join the Presbytery of Ohio.

JOHN RHEA, *Stated Clerk.*

No 9 PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY. This Presbytery consists of 10 members, and has under its care 23 congregations, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Miss. Fund.		Com.'s Fund.			Theo Sem'y.	Added last y'r.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.
		D.	C.	D.	C.	D.					
Abraham Boyd,...	Bull Creek and Deer Creek,....	8	66	1	75			8	90	1	12
Alexander Cook,...	Ebenezer and Bear Creek,.....	2	50	2				3	39	1	7
Robt. M'Garrough.	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....										
Cyrus Riggs,.....	Scrubgrass and Unity,.....	24	65	3		8	50	7	115		14
Reed Bracken,.....	Nebo and Middlesex,.....	14	61	2	75			4	60	1	9
William Kennedy,.	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....										
John Reddick,....	Slatelick and Union,.....	4	55	4	57			13	152	1	13
Hezekiah May,....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....										
John Munson,....	Plaingrove and Centre,.....	31	75								
John Coulter,....	Butler, Concord, and Muddy Cr'k,	14	38	4							
	.....										
Vacant Congrega- tions able to sup- port a pastor.	New Rehoboth and Licking,.....	17	49								
	Franklin and Amity,.....	2	46								
Vacant Congrega- tions unable to support a pas- tor.	Eight Tracts,.....	87	125	1	25						
	Richland,.....	1	06								
	Rockland,.....	1	13								
	Redbank,.....										
		124	09	19	32	8	50	35	456	4	35

Presbytery further reported, that on the 24th of June last, they received the Rev. William Kennedy, from the Presbytery of Erie, as a member—and also, that on the 1st day of April last, they received Mr. John Coulter, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Ohio, under their care—and on the 10th of September following, they ordained him to the office of the holy ministry, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Butler, Concord and Muddy creek.

REED BRACKEN, *Stated Clerk.*

Synod proceeded to the consideration of the reference from the Presbytery of Erie, in relation "to the formation of a church in their bounds, by a member of the Presbytery of Grand River, without their knowledge or direction." After the documents were read, and a considerable discussion had thereon—

On motion, Resolved, That whilst we avoid any interference with the ordinary procedure of the authorized missionary societies, this Synod disapproves of the formation of congregations within the bounds of any Presbytery by a member or members of any other Presbytery. But in relation to the congregation of Beaver, formed within the bounds of the Presbytery of Erie, the Synod recommends as great an attention to its harmony and christian edification as that Presbytery may be able to afford.

The committee appointed to confer with the Presbytery of Erie on the exciting difficulties in the churches of Springfield, beg leave to report—that after a free and full conversation with the Presbytery of Erie on the subject, and carefully reviewing the whole ground of difficulty, so far as presented by said Presbytery, and other sources of information, agreed to submit the following resolutions viz:

1. Resolved, That the unhappy situation of the congregation of Springfield be recommended to the early attention of that Presbytery, under whose care and control it is placed by the constitution of our church.

2. Resolved, That the arrangement made by the committee of Synod was neither designed to affect, nor did it affect the official standing of the Elders of that church; and that the Deacon added to the existing Elders of that church be, in the event of a reconciliation among themselves, considered as clothed with the same powers as a ruling Elder.

On motion, Resolved, That it be enjoined on the several Presbyteries belonging to this Synod, that they take efficient measures to obtain and forward to the next General Assembly a full report of the numbers and state of the congregations within their bounds—and that this injunction be appended to the printed report of the Board of Trust.

Adjourned to meet in the 2d Presbyterian church, in this city, on the 3d Thursday of October, Anno. Dom. 1824, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Approved by the General Assembly to this page. Philadelphia, May 29th, 1824.

ASHBEL GREEN, *Moderator*.

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PITTSBURGH, October 21st, 1824.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Thomas Hoge, Moderator of the last year.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Messrs. William Speer, Francis Laird, Robert Johnston, James Graham, Ashbel G. Fair-

child, John Reed, David Barclay, Andrew O. Patterson, Thomas Davis, Jesse Smith and Samuel Swan; with the Elders, Messrs. Patrick Power, William M'Crea, Hugh Cannon, George Plummer and Charles Porter.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., Joseph Patterson, John Andrews, Boyd Mercer, Samuel Ralston, D. D., Francis Herron, D. D., Joseph Stockton, Robert Patterson, Moses Allen, Elisha P. Swift, Thomas D. Baird, William Jeffery, and Geo. Vennemon; with the Elders, Messrs. David Duff, James Cooper, Allan Means, Peter Miller, Thomas Stockton, John Snodgrass, Joseph M'Cullough and Moses Coulter.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, Clement Valandingham, William M'Lean, William Woods, James Wright, Enoch Boutin, Daniel W. Lathrop and Wm. Reed.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River—The Rev. Messrs. Jonathan Leslie, Harvey Coe, Luther Humphrey, Randolph Stone and Perry Pratt.

Of the Presbytery of Portage—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Treat, Joseph Miriam and Caleb Pitkin.

Of the Presbytery of Washington, Pa.—The Rev. Messrs. Elisha Macurdy, William Wylie, James Hervey, Thomas Hoge, Jacob Cozad and Ludovicus Robbins.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville—The Rev. Messrs. Lyman Potter, Joseph Anderson, Thomas Hunt, William M'Millan, Salmon Cowles, Donald M'Intosh, Wm. Wallace and Charles C. Beatty; with the Elder, Mr. John M'Millan.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny—The Rev. Messrs. Alexander Cook, Cyrus Riggs, Reed Bracken, John Munson and John Coulter.

Of the Presbytery of Huron—The Rev. Messrs. Simeon Woodruff.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT.

Of the Presbytery of Redstone—The Rev. Messrs. James Power, D. D., Joseph Henderson, Samuel Porter, James Guthrie, William Johnston and Asa Brooks.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio—The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Ralston, D. D., William Woods, Matthew Brown, D. D., Andrew M'Donald and Obadiah Jennings.

Of the Presbytery of Erie—The Rev. Messrs. Amos Chase, Samuel Tait, Johnston Eaton, Ira Condit, Timothy Alden and Phineas Camp.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford—The Rev. Messrs. James Satterfield, James Robertson, Robert Semple, Joshua Beer and Bradford Marcy.

Of the Presbytery of Grand River—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Badger, Giles H. Cowles, D. D., Ephraim T. Woodruff, Abiel Jones, Nathan B. Darrow, Joseph W. Curtis and George Sheldon.

Of the Presbytery of Portage—The Rev. Messrs. John Seward, William Hanford, Benjamin Fenn, John Keys, John Field, Charles B. Storrs.

Of the Presbytery of Washington, Pa.—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. Marquis, George Scott, John Anderson, D. D., Joseph Stevenson, Cephas Dodd and Ichabod L. Skinner.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville—The Rev. Messrs. Jas. Snodgrass and John Rhea.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny—The Rev. Messrs. Abraham Boyd, Robert M'Garrough, John Reddick, Hezekiah May and John Core.

Of the Presbytery of Huron—Alvan Coe, Israel Shaler, Lot B. Sullivan, Alfred H. Betts, Stephen T. Bradstreet and John M'Rea.

Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk—the Rev. Randolph Stone was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Andrew Wylie, Clerk.

The Rev. Messrs. James C. Crane, from the Synod of Geneva, Abner Morse, from the Association of Massachusetts, Joseph Harper, from the Synod of Ohio, and Amasa Jerome, from the Association of Connecticut, being present, were invited, and took their seats as corresponding members.

The minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

The Rev. Messrs. William Johnston, John Reed, Boyd Mercer, George Vennemon, William Woods, Clement Valandingham, Perry Pratt, Joseph Treat, Elisha Macurdy, Lyman Potter, Thomas Hunt and Wm. Wallace assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. James Ralston, D. D., Amos Chase, Samuel Tate and William Woods appeared at this time. Their reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. Robert Johnston, William Jeffery, James Wright, Harvey Coe, Joseph Treat and John Coulter; with the Elders, George Plummer, William M'Crea and John Snodgrass, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures; to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, and and afterward on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. William Speer and Samuel Ralston, D. D.; with the Elders, James Cooper and Joseph M'Culloch, were appointed a judicial committee, to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, and afterward on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. William Jeffery and Thomas D. Baird, were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Messrs. Jonathan Leslie and Perry Pratt, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. Messrs. Boyd Mercer and Robert Patterson, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie.

The Rev. Messrs. Caleb Pitkin and Joseph Miriam, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. Messrs. James Graham and William Woods, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Portage.

The Rev. Messrs. Donald M'Intosh and Charles C. Beatty, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Washington, Pa.

The Rev. Messrs. Cyrus Riggs and John Munson, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Steubenville.

The Rev. Messrs. Alexander Cook and Reed Bracken, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Grand River.

The Rev. Messrs. Simeon Woodruff and Salmon Cowles, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Allegheny.

The Rev. Messrs. John Reed and Andrew O. Patterson, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Huron.

On motion, Resolved, That the order of the day for to-morrow morning, be the receiving narratives of the state of religion, in the bounds of the several Presbyteries belonging to this Synod. And that the Rev. Messrs. William Wylie and Caleb Pitkin to be a committee, to prepare a condensed statement thereof for publication.

On motion, Resolved, That it be recommended to members of this Synod, to meet every morning during its sessions, at sunrise in the first and second churches in this city alternately; to spend some time in special prayer for the outpouring of the spirit of God, upon the churches under their care.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 22d, 1824.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Obadiah Jennings appeared at this time, his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

A sermon was delivered last evening, by the Rev. Thomas Hoge, Moderator of the last year, from 2d Cor. 5th, 20th. "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us, we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

Agreeably to the order of the day, written narratives of the state of religion, within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Redstone, Portage, Hartford and Allegheny were received; and the remaining Presbyteries, who had neglected to furnish reports, were directed to present them to-morrow morning.

The following Presbyteries reported; their reports were accepted, and are as follows, viz:

No. 1 PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE. This Presbytery consists of 18 members, and has under its care 34 congregations, one Licentiate and one Candidate, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Miss. Fund.		Com. Fund.		Edu. Fund.		Added last yr.	Total in Com.	Infants Bap.	Adults Bap.
		D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.				
James Power, D. D.	Without a Pastoral Charge,...										
Jos. W. Henderson,	Without a Pastoral Charge,...										
Samuel Porter,.....	Congruity,.....	42	00	2	50	29	93	37	236	35	4
William Swan,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,...										
William Speer,.....	Greensburg and Unity,.....	31		12	28	16	44	31	357	20	2
Francis Laird,.....	Poke Run and Plumb Creek,...				7 69			17	229	35	6
Robert Johnston,...	Rehoboth and Round Hill,...	94	87	3	85	2		24	210	19	1
James Graham,.....	Beulah,.....							25	144	43	7
James Guthrie,.....	Laurel Hill and Tyrone,...				5 33			15	212	19	
William Johnston,...	Dunlap's Creek & Brownsville,	50		11	56	4	18	19	168	27	6
Ashbel G. Fairchild,	Morgantown, George's Creek &										
.....	Greensburg,.....	76		5	00			22	167	12	2
John Reed,.....	Indiana and Gilgal,.....				5 00			11	158	21	4
Asa Brooks,.....	French Creek and Buchanan,...										
David Barclay,.....	Jefferson, Glade Run and Low-										
.....	er Plumb Creek,.....	5	80	5	80	5	80	68	151	35	10
A. O. Patterson,...	Sewickly and Mount Pleasant,	107	50	9	59	6		22	229	13	1
Thomas Davis,.....	Salem and West Union,.....				4 75	8		30	162	26	10
Jesse Smith,.....	Bethel and Ebenezer,.....				5 00	6					
Samuel Swan,.....	Fairfield, Ligonier, & Donegal,	24						9	191	25	1
Vacant and able to support a pastor,	Long Run and McKeesport,...	74	14					5	78	4	2
Vacant and unable to support a pastor,	Uniontown, and Union,.....	45	06					3	54	4	
	Kittanning,.....	4		4		20			27	10	4
	Warren,.....								17	2	
	Saltshurgh and Middletown,...								92		
		554	37	78	38	72	35	368	2939	359	61

Licentiate, viz: Matthew Dunlap.

Candidate: John Kirkpatrick.

The Presbytery further reported, "that on the 8th of October last, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. William Wylie and the church of Uniontown, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Washington, Pa. That on the 22d day of the same month, they also dismissed the pastoral relation between the Rev. Joseph W. Henderson and the congregations of Ebenezer and Bethel. That on the 20th day of April last, they received Mr. John Kirkpatrick under their care as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry, and on the same day they received Mr. Samuel Swan, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Huntington, and on the 17th of June last, they ordained him to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Fairfield, Ligonier and Donegal. That on the 21st day of April last, they received Mr. Matthew Dunlap, a Licentiate from the Relief Presbytery of Glasgow in Scotland, and on the same day they received the Rev. Jesse Smith from the Presbytery of Winchester, Va., and on the 15th of June last, they installed him pastor of the united congregations of Ebenezer and Bethel.

ROBERT JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

October, 16th 1824.

No. 2 PRESBYTERY OF OHIO. This Presbytery consists of 18 members, and has under its care 23 congregations and 2 candidates, viz :

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Theo. Fund.		Edu. Fund.		Miss. Fund.		Com. s Fund.		Added last year.	Total in Com.	Adults. Rep.	Infants. Bap.
		D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.				
John M'Millan, D. D.,	Chartiers,.....					32	75	4		40	300	4	25
Joseph Patterson,...	Without Past. Charge,.												
John Andrews,.....	Stated Supply at Duff's												
.....	and Sewickly,.....							3	50	14	60	1	23
Boyd Mercer,.....	Without a Past. Charge,												
Samuel Ralston, D. D.,	Mingo Creek & Wil-												
.....	liamspport,.....							6	91	25	164	2	25
William Woods,.....	Bethel.....			28		58		2		10	155		13
Francis Herron,.....	1st Church, Pittsburgh.	58	75	182	75	60		11		19	194	2	29
Matthew Brown,.....	Pres. Jefferson College,												
Robert Patterson,....	Highlands,.....							2		10	129		9
Joseph Stockton,.....	Stated Sup. Pine Creek												
.....	and Allegheny,.....									14	96	2	13
Moses Allen,.....	Raccoon,.....			4	50			2		8	223		30
Andrew M'Donald,....	Without Past. Charge,.												
George Vennemon,....	New Providence and												
.....	Jefferson,.....							3	04	4	49		5
Thomas D. Baird,....	Lebanon,.....							1	25	5	132		16
Elisha P. Swift,.....	2d Church, Pittsburgh.												
Obadiah Jennings,...	Washington,.....			80		112		5	00	24	218	1	27
William Jeffery,.....	Bethany,.....					58	14	3	56	17	142	3	17
William Smith,.....	Supply Miller's Run,...							2					
.....	Monture's Run, able to												
.....	support a pastor,....									10	180	3	9
Unable to support	White Oak Flats, Hope-												
a pastor. }													
.....	well, Flaherty's and												
.....	Bentleysville,.....												
		58	75	290	75	324	39	42	77	195	2042	18	241

Presbytery further reported, "that on the 22d day of October last, they installed the Rev. Obadiah Jennings, pastor of the Congregation of Washington, Pa., and on the 31st day of December following, they ordained Mr. William Smith to the office of the Holy Ministry, *sine titulo*. That on the 21st day of April following, they dismissed the Rev. William M'Millan, to join the Presbytery of Steubenville, and on the 6th day of Oct. last, they dismissed Mr. Alexander M'Candless, a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Redstone.

WILLIAM JEFFERY, *Stated Clerk*.





Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor: Deerfield, Meander, Pleasant Valley, Bethlehem and Brookfield.

This Presbytery further reported, that on the 21st of October last, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. John Core and the congregation of Brookfield, and dismissed him from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of Allegheny; on said day they received the Rev. William M'Lean from the Presbytery of Washington, Pa., as a member; and on the 7th of April following they installed him pastor of the congregation of Beaver town; that on the 6th day of April last they received as a member the Rev. Daniel W. Lathrop from the Presbytery of Jersey, and on the 6th of October following dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Huron; that on the 22d of June last they received the Rev. Enoch Bouton, from the Presbytery of West Chester, as a member; and on the 6th of October following they licensed Mr. Robert Dilworth to preach the gospel.

JAMES SATTERFIELD, *Stated Clerk.*

No. 5. PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RIVER. This Presbytery consists of 12 members, and has under its care 35 congregations, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Com. Fund.		Added last y'r.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Total.
		D.	C.					
Joseph Badger,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....		50					
G. H. Cowles, D. D.,	Austinburgh, .....	2	60	2	104		10	10
Ephriam T. Woodruff,	Wayne, .....	2	50	2	94	1	18	19
Abiel Jones,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....							
Nathan B. Darrow,...	Vienna, .....	2	20	2	68		8	8
Jonathan Leslie,...	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....		50					
Harvey Coe,.....	Vernon,.....	3	03	5	182		15	15
Luther Humphrey,...	Burton, .....			4	62		9	9
Joseph W. Curtis,...	Warren, .....	3	32	5	101		9	9
Randolph Stone,....	Morgan, .....				50		1	1
Perry Pratt,.....	Harpersfield and Geneva,.....	1	11	14	102	2	27	29
George Sheldon,....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....							1
Vacant Congrega- tions able to sup- port a pastor.	Ashtabula, .....			8	20		4	4
	Kingsville, .....	1	45	5	34		1	1
	Kirtland and Chester,.....				18		2	2
	Bristol and Broomfield,.....				23			
	Green and Parkman,.....							
Vacant Congrega- tions unable to support a pastor.	Painesville and Madison,.....	3	60	5	132		3	3
	Thompson and Andover,.....		12	7	63	2	11	13
	Braceville and Johnston,.....				37		4	4
	Fowler, Rome and Salem,.....		3		71		11	11
	Mesopotamia and Huntsburg,.....				53		5	5
	Farmington and Chardon,.....				26		2	2
	Bonstown and Southington,.....		3		15			2
		21	43	70	1253	9	152	161

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor: Leffingwell, Pierpoint, Brazetta, Mecca, Parkman.

This Presbytery further reported, that in February last they received the Rev. George Sheldon as a member; that on the 23d of

June following they installed the Rev. Perry Pratt pastor of the united congregations of Geneva and Harpersfield; and that two of their brethren, viz: the Rev. Messrs. Amasa Loomis and Alvan Hyde, have been in the last year removed by death.

RANDOLPH STONE, *Stated Clerk*

No. 6. THE PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE. This Presbytery consists of 9 members, and has under its care 20 congregations, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Miss Fund.		Com's Fund.		Edu. Fund.	Added last year.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.
		C.	D.	C.	D.					
John Keys,.....	Talmadge,.....							150		16
Caleb Pitkin,.....	Charlestown,.....			1		6 40	2	36	2	6
John Field,.....	Atwater,.....	4								
John Seward,.....	Aurora,.....	7		1 50		5 00	5	81		4
William Hanford,...	Hudson,.....	70		2		12 40	1	56		2
Joseph Treat,.....	Windham,.....	41	46	1		10 00	6	75		8
Benjamin Fenn,.....	Nelson,.....			1 12		5 50	8	56	1	1
Charles B. Storrs,...	Ravenna and Franklin,...	7 12		0 56				33		
Joseph Mirriam,...	Randolph and Rootstown,...	7 12		1			1	60		3
.....										
Vacant and able to support a pastor. {	Springfield and Mantua,.....					1 00	4	81		
Vacant and unable to support a pastor. {	Bainbridge,.....						3			
	Edinburgh,.....							8		
	Palmyra,.....							16		
	Tevinsburgh,.....			50				13		1
	Thorndyke,.....			50				10		
	Shalersville,.....						2	11		
Stow,.....										
		136	70	9	18	43	3	327	55	344

This Presbytery further reported, that on the 6th day of January, 1824, they received as a member the Rev. Joseph Mirriam from the Presbytery of Londonderry, and on the day following installed him pastor of the united congregations of Randolph and Rootstown; that on the 6th day of April following they received as a member the Rev. John Field, from the Brookfield Association, Massachusetts; that they also received as a member the Rev. John Keys, from the South Association of Hartford county, Connecticut, on the 8th day of September, in the same year, and on the following day installed him pastor of the congregation of Talmadge.

WILLIAM HANFORD, *Stated Clerk*.

No. 7. THE PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON, PA. This Presbytery consists of 13 members, and has under its care 21 congregations, 1 licentiate and 7 candidates, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Com. Fund.		Miss. Fund.		Educ. Fund.		Added last year	Total in Com.	Adults bap.	Infants bap.
		D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.				
Thomas Marquis,	Cross Creek,.....	5		68	85			11			26
George Scott,...	Mill Creek and Flats,.....	4	10	30	00			108	356	19	46
J. Anderson, D. D.,	Upper Buffalo,.....	6		149	33			9	220		20
Elisha Macurdy,	Cross Roads and Three Springs,....	4		170	36			11	414	1	23
William Wylie,	Stated Supply at Wheeling and Short Creek,.....										
Jos. Stevenson,...	Three Ridges,.....	4		63				12	137		24
Cephas Dodd,...	Stated supply at Lower Ten Mile,...										
Andrew Wylie,...	Pres't of Washington College and Stated Supply at Pigeon Creek,...	4		130				12	132		23
James Hervey,...	Forks of Wheeling & Wheelingtown	4		63	14	12	25	16	149	1	7
Thomas Hoge,...	East Buffalo and Claysville,.....	4						17	97	1	16
Jacob Cozad,...	Lower Buffalo and Centre,.....	4		8				16	137	2	13
Ich'd L. Skinner,	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....										
Lud. Robbins,...	Supt. Miss. Family at Maumee,....										
		39	10	562	68	12	25	12	1897	25	198

1 Licentiates, viz: William J. Frazier.

7 Candidates, viz: David Colmery, James Arbutnot, Samuel Reed, Hugh Koontz, John Hawkins, Samuel M'Farren and John Stockton.

Vacant congregation able to support a pastor: Upper Ten Mile.

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor: Unity, Pennsylvania, Rockhill, Wellsburg.

This Presbytery further reported, that on the 9th day of October, 1823, they received the Rev. William Wylie from the Presbytery of Redstone as a member; and on the same day they dismissed the Rev. William M'Lean, to join the Presbytery of Hartford; that on the 6th of the present month, (Oct., 1824,) they passed a resolution to dissolve the pastoral relation between the Rev. Joseph Stevenson and the congregation of Three Ridges; and on the same day they passed a similar resolution to dissolve the pastoral relation between the Rev. Elisha Macurdy and the congregation of Three Springs—the dissolution in both cases to take place on the 1st day of January, 1825; and on the same day they licensed Mr. William J. Frazier to preach the gospel, as a probationer for the holy gospel ministry.

THOMAS HOGE, *Stated clerk.*

Washington, Pa., October 15th, 1824.

No. 8. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE. No report received from this Presbytery.

No. 9. THE PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY. This Presbytery consists of 11 members, and has under its care 25 congregations, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Miss. Fund.		Com's Fund.		Added last y'r.	Total in Com:	Adults Bap:	Infants Bap.
		D.	C.	D.	C.				
Abraham Boyd,....	Bull Creek and Deer Creek,.....			1	183	8	95	1	13
Alexander Cook,....	Ebenezer and Bear Creek,.....					6	48	2	9
Robert M'Garrough,	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....								
Cyrus Riggs,.....	Scrubgrass and Unity,.....			2	37½	2	103		21
Reed Bracken,.....	Nebo and Middlesex,.....	1		2	40	9	84	5	17
Wm. Kennedy,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....								
John Reddick,.....	Slatelick and Union,.....					8	159	1	21
Hezekiah May,.....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....								
John Munson,.....	Plaingrove and Centre,.....			4	73	12	253		19
John Coulton,.....	Butler, Concord and Muddy creek,				3 62½	10	145	1	16
John Core,.....	Licking and New Rehoboth,.....	3	62½	4	89½	29	182		25
	Zelionople,.....					7	47	3	11
	Bethel,.....					6	34	3	13
Vacant Congrega- tions not able to support a pastor.	Richland,.....					9	22	0	1
	Rockland,.....					6	50	0	7
	East Concord,.....					8	25	4	11
	Eight Tracts,.....		60						
	Amity and Franklin,.....								
		4	62½	19	81½	120	1247	20	184

This Presbytery further reported, that on the 6th day of April last they received the Rev John Core, from the Presbytery of Hartford, as a member, and on the 15th of September following they installed him pastor of the united congregations of Licking and New Rehoboth  
REED BRACKEN, *Stated clerk.*

October 21st, 1824.

No. 10. THE PRESBYTERY OF HURON. No report received from this Presbytery.

On motion, Resolved, That those Presbyteries which have failed to report at this meeting of Synod be directed to make out and transmit their reports, respectively, to the Stated Clerk, with as little delay as possible.

The Presbytery of Redstone submitted to the Synod their proceedings in relation to their receiving Mr. Matthew Dunlap, a licentiate from the Relief Presbytery of Glasgow, Scotland, agreeably to a rule of the General Assembly respecting foreign clergymen; and Mr. Dunlap having likewise submitted to the Synod his credentials.

On motion, Resolved, That the conduct of the Presbytery of Redstone, in relation to Mr. Dunlap as a probationer, be approved.

A request was presented to Synod, from the congregation of Washington, Pa. praying to be detached from the Presbytery of Ohio, and connected with the Presbytery of Washington, Pa. and the Rev. Obadiah Jennings, pastor of said congregation, concurring in this request—

On motion, Resolved, That said congregation, with their pastor, be detached from the Presbytery of Ohio, and attached to the Presbytery of Washington.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Wm. Speer and Robert Johnston be a committee to prepare a minute, expressing the grievance under which this Synod labors, for want of the minutes of the General Assembly, and their request that the Assembly take more efficient measures to have their minutes transmitted in proper time.

Mr. Alexander Osborne, elder, obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of Synod.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio and Grand River, reported. Their reports were received, and the records, respectively, approved.

The Rev. James Carnahan, of the Synod of New Jersey, being present and invited, took his seat as a corresponding member.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Washington, Pa. reported. Their report was accepted, and the records approved.

Mr. Thomas Stockton, elder, obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of Synod.

On motion, Resolved, That receiving the report of the Board of Trust be the order of the day for Monday morning.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Portage, reported. The report was accepted and the records approved.

The Rev. Thomas E. Hughes obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of the Synod.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK, OCT. 23, 1824.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The business which had been made the order of the day for this morning was postponed, for the purpose of considering the following proposition, made through the committee on Bills and Overtures, viz:

"That the next General Assembly be requested to detach the Presbyteries of Grand River, Portage and Huron from the Synod of Pittsburgh, and erect them into a new Synod."

After a full discussion of the subject, on motion, resolved, unanimously, That the above request be sent up to the next General Assembly.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Steubenville and Erie, reported. Their reports were accepted and the records, respectively, approved.

Synod proceeded to take up the order of the day; and reports on the state of religion were presented from the Presbyteries of Washington, Pa. Grand River, Huron and Steubenville.

The Rev. Messrs. Boyd Mercer, Wm. Smith, Reed Bracken and Hezekiah May, with the elders, Messrs. David Duff, Wm. M'Crea, Allan Means, Hugh Cannon and John Snodgrass, obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of Synod.

Adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK, OCT. 25, 1824.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Allegheny, reported. Their report was accepted, and the records approved.

On motion, Resolved, That the order of the day for this morning, viz: receiving the report of the Board of Trust, of the Western Missionary Society, be postponed till to-morrow morning, and that the election of a new Board, for the ensuing year, take place immediately after receiving said report.

Whereas, the Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society, by reason of sickness, and the unfinished business of the Board, cannot at present exhibit a full statement of his accounts—on motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hoge and Obadiah Jennings be appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, as soon as possible; and that their certificate of the state of said account be entered on the Treasurer's Book, and on the records of the Society.

A request was presented from the congregation of Greensburgh, Greene County, "praying to be detached from the Presbytery of Ohio, and attached to the Presbytery of Redstone, inasmuch as it is united with two congregations in the last named Presbytery, in the support of a pastor."

On motion, Resolved, That the request be granted.

The Rev. William Woods, of the Presbytery of Ohio, appeared at this time, and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

On motion, Resolved, That it is expedient for this Synod to take special measures for the circulation of approved Tracts, calculated to exhibit and defend the distinguishing doctrines and discipline of our church; and that the Rev. Messrs. E. P. Swift, Sam'l Ralston, D. D. and Thomas D. Baird be a committee to digest and prepare a plan of operation for this object, and submit the same to the Synod before the close of its present sessions.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Board of Trust requested Synod to invest them with power to open a correspondence with the Board of Missions of the United and Foreign Missionary Society, in relation to a transfer of the Missionary station at Maumee, to that Society; and actually to make such transfer, should it be deemed expedient.

After considerable discussion, the subject was committed to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Jennings, Hoge, Dr. Ralston, W. M'Millan, and Treat, to report before the rising of the Synod.

A request of the Presbytery of Hartford was presented to the Synod, through the committee of Bills and Overtures, praying Synod to petition the next General Assembly, on the subject of certain reports unfavorable to the orthodoxy of the General Association of Massachusetts, in connection with the General Assembly.

After some discussion, on motion—

Resolved, That Messrs. Jennings and Speer be a committee to prepare a minute on the subject.

On motion, Resolved, That when this Synod finally adjourns its present sessions, it adjourn to meet at Washington, Pa. on the 3d Thursday of October, 1825.

The Rev. A. G. Fairchild, Perry Pratt, Cyrus Riggs and Wm. Johnston obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of Synod.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

9 O'CLOCK, A. M. OCT. 26th, 1824.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A paper was presented by the Judicial committee, signed by Dr. John Wishart, requesting the Synod to review their proceedings of the last year, in the case of his appeal from a decision of the Presbytery of Ohio, &c. On motion—

Resolved, That the consideration of this matter be indefinitely postponed.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute in relation to the request of the Presbytery of Hartford, respecting certain reports unfavorable to the orthodoxy of the General Association of Massachusetts, reported the following:

“Upon due consideration of the request from the Presbytery of Hartford, Synod resolved, that as they possess satisfactory evidence that the reports, on which the request is founded, are false, it is inexpedient to take any order on that subject.”

On motion, the above report was adopted.

A missionary sermon was delivered, last evening, by the Rev. James C. Crane, of the Synod of Genessee, from Ezek. 37: 3.—

"Son of man, can these bones live?" After sermon a collection in aid of the missionary fund was taken up amounting to \$48 37½.

The committee appointed to prepare a condensed narrative on the state of religion, reported. After some discussion, on motion,

Resolved, That the subject be re-committed to the same committee, with the addition of the Rev. E. P. Swift; and the committee were instructed to report again, before the rising of Synod.

On motion, Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be given to the Rev. James. C. Crane, for the missionary sermon delivered by him last evening.

The Board of Trust of the Western Missionary Society reported; the report was accepted, and their conduct approved.

Resolved, That 2000 copies of the report be printed, for gratuitous distribution, and that the Rev. Robert Patterson be appointed the agent for that purpose.

The Rev. Messrs. William Speer, Andrew O. Patterson and George Plummer, Elder, obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the sessions.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom was referred the request of the Board of Trust, to authorize them to open a correspondence with the Board of Missions of the United Foreign Missionary Society, reported. Their report having been amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Resolved, That it is expedient for the Western Missionary Society to become auxiliary to the United and Foreign Missionary Society, so far as the operations of the former relate, or are intended to relate, to the establishment and support of missions among the Indians; provided the same can be effected on the following terms and conditions, viz:

1. The title to the real estate at the Maumee Station shall continue in the Western Missionary Society, until the said Society shall otherwise direct.

2. The United Foreign Missionary Society shall establish in the city of Pittsburgh a permanent Board of Agency, a majority of which shall consist of members of Synod, or persons in full communion with the Presbyterian church, within its bounds; whose duty it shall be to attend to the concerns of such missionary stations as have been, or may be, established among the Indians in the west, as the Board of the United and Foreign Missionary Society may deem expedient.

3. All the personal property of every kind, which has been, or may be, collected by the Western Missionary Society, except such part as may be otherwise disposed of by the consent of the United Foreign Missionary Society, shall be devoted to the establishment



and support of Indian missions, together with such a portion of the cash funds of the society, as their Board of Trust shall from time to time judge fit to appropriate.

Resolved, That so soon as the Board of the United Foreign Missionary Society shall accede to the foregoing propositions, and shall establish a Board of Agency in the city of Pittsburgh as aforesaid, the Western Missionary Society shall be forthwith considered as auxiliary to the United and Foreign Missionary Society, to the extent before described.

Resolved, That in case the United and Foreign Missionary Society shall not accede to the foregoing propositions, or in case the said Society shall insist upon other, or further conditions, the Board of Trust of the Western Missionary Society shall bring the whole subject before the Synod at their next meeting, for their further consideration.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute, expressing the grievance under which this Synod labors for want of the minutes of the General Assembly, and their request that the Assembly take more efficient measures to have their minutes transmitted in proper time, report, that this grievance, instead of lessening, is increasing.

Therefore, Resolved, That this subject be earnestly recommended to the attention of the next General Assembly.

A request from the Presbytery of Grand River was presented to Synod, "that they be permitted to take the Congregational church of Springfield under their care."

On motion, Resolved, That the request be granted.

The committee appointed to digest and prepare a plan of operation in relation to the circulation of approved tracts, &c., reported a constitution, which was adopted.

Synod proceeded to the election of a Board of Trust for the ensuing year—whereupon the Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, D. D., E. P. Swift, Obadiah Jennings, John Andrews, Elisha Macurdy and Joseph Stockton; with the Elders, Messrs. Samuel Thompson, John Hannon and Robert Witherow were elected—to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and afterward on their own adjournments.

A request was presented from the united congregations of New Providence and Jefferson, desiring to be detached from the Presbytery of Ohio, and attached to the Presbytery of Redstone. The request was not granted.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Oct. 27th, 1824.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

On motion, Resolved, That in the event of the division of the Synod by the next General Assembly, the Rev. William M'Lean be appointed to open this Synod with a sermon at its next annual meeting.

On motion, Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the members of this Synod, individually, to use their best endeavors to promote the more extensive circulation of the 'Pittsburgh Recorder,' and that this resolution be published in that paper.

The following protest was presented by the persons subscribing the same; and the Rev. Messrs. Jennings and Swift were appointed a committee to prepare a reply to said protest.

"We, the undersigned, members of the Synod of Pittsburgh, feel constrained by a sense of duty, to enter our solemn protest against the decision made upon the request of the Presbytery of Grand River, in relation to the church in Springfield, for the following reason, viz:

"1. Because we believe that it is not consistent with the constitution or practice of the Presbyterian church to divide congregations in the manner contemplated and effected by the said resolution.

"2. Because we believe that this Synod has not a constitutional right to authorize any one Presbytery to enter into another, in the manner thus sanctioned and directed.

"3. Because, that instead of promising to allay unpleasant feelings on that subject, or in that place, it presents, in our view, a prospect of a very contrary character and tendency."

Signed,

T. D. BAIRD,  
ROB'T JOHNSTON,  
CHAS. CLINTON BEATTY,  
SAM'L SWAN,

WILLIAM JEFFERY,  
JAMES WRIGHT,  
MOSES ALLEN.  
WILLIAM M'LEAN.

The committee appointed to prepare a reply to the foregoing *Protest*, reported the following, which was accepted and adopted as the Synod's reply to said protest:

"That in the opinion of this Synod, the protest of the Rev. Thos. D. Baird and others against the decision of Synod, in conformity with the request of the Presbytery of Grand River, is grounded on a total misapprehension, and a consequent misstatement of the principal facts of the case, as will evidently appear by a brief examination of the same.

"1. The request of the Grand River Presbytery did not relate to the church (i. e. to the Presbyterian church) in Springfield, as is assumed and asserted in the protest, but to a Congregational church, which has existed in Springfield for several years past, and for the uniting of which with the Presbyterian church in that place, unsuccessful efforts have heretofore been made, under the direction of this Synod.

"2. The Synod, in the decision protested against, did not 'contemplate or effect a division of congregations,' as is incorrectly assumed in the said protest, as will evidently appear from what has already been alleged concerning the previous existence of the Con-

gregational church in Springfield. Indeed the decision protested against, so far from contemplating the division of congregations, was designed, and in the opinion of this Synod, was calculated to allay improper feelings, remove prejudices which may exist against the government and discipline of the Presbyterian church, and eventually to effect a union between the Presbyterian and Congregational churches in Springfield.

"3. The decision protested against does not, in the opinion of this Synod, violate any constitutional provision of the Presbyterian church, by granting the request of the Presbytery of Grand River; because the church in Springfield, which that Presbytery are authorized to take under their care, is not a Presbyterian, but a Congregational church; and because the said Congregational church, although situate within the bounds of the Presbytery of Erie, was never under their jurisdiction—as that Presbytery, upon grounds which that Judiciary deemed sufficient, had refused to receive the said congregation under their care."

On motion, Resolved, That inasmuch as the course which Synod has thought proper to take in this case may create some unhappy feelings in the minds of some of its members, the Presbytery of Grand River be, and they are hereby required, before receiving the Congregational church in Springfield under their care, to use, in connection with some of the members of the Presbytery of Erie, their best endeavors to effect an amicable union of the two congregations; and Synod farther recommend it to both parties, to meet in the spirit of candor, love and prayer, and observe a season of special supplication for the direction of the Holy Spirit, in their attempts to restore peace and harmony among that people.

And Synod further recommend to the Presbytery of Grand River, that if these efforts shall prove unavailing, still to keep the object of such a union in view, and take no measures calculated to defeat it.

Adjourned to meet in the town of Washington, Pa., on the third Thursday of October, 1825, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

In General Assembly, May 21, 1825, thus far examined and approved.

STEPHEN N. ROWAN, *Moderator*.

WASHINGTON, October 20th, A. D. 1825.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Randolph Stone, Moderator of the last year, from Math. 24: 32—"Now learn a parable of a fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh."

After prayer, it appeared the following members were present, viz:

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone:—The Rev. Messrs. Wm. Speer, Robert Johnston, James Graham, William Johnston, Ashbel G. Fairchild, John Reed, Andrew O. Patterson, Samuel Swan, Nathaniel R. Snowden, and Alexander M'Candless; with the Elders, Messrs. Joseph Finley, George Plumer and Abraham Stewart.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio:—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., John Andrews, Boyd Mercer, Samuel Ralston, D. D., Wm. Woods, Francis Herron, D. D., Joseph Stockton, Moses Allen, George Vennemon, Thomas D. Baird, Elisha P. Swift, William Jeffery, W. Smith and Wm. Frazier; with the Elders, Messrs. Samuel Logan, Robert M'Farland, John Hannen, William Penny and Samuel Thompson.

Of the Presbytery of Erie:—The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Tait and Ira Condit.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford:—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, William Woods, James Wright and William Reed; with the Elders, Messrs. Stephen Todd and William Porter.

Of the Presbytery of Washington, Penn'a:—The Rev. Messrs. John Andeson, D. D., Elisha Macurdy, William Wylie, Cephas Dodd, And'w Wylie, D. D., Jas. Hervey and Obadiah Jennings; with the Elders, Messrs. John Dinsmore, Rob't Witherow and Hugh Wylie.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville:—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Anderson, William M'Millan, Thomas Hunt, Charles C. Beatty, William Wallace and Donald M'Intosh.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny:—The Rev. Messrs. Alexander Cook, John Coulter and John Core.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone:—The Rev. Messrs. James Power, D. D., Joseph Henderson, William Swan, Francis Laird, James Guthrie, Asa Brooks, David Barclay, Thomas Davis, Jesse Smith and Joseph Harper.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio:—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Patterson, Matthew, Brown, D. D., Robert Patterson and Andrew M'Donald.

Of the Presbytery of Erie:—The Rev. Messrs. Amos Chase, Timothy Alden, Johnston Eaton, Bradford Marcy, David M'Kinney, Giles Doolittle and Nathan Harned.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford:—The Rev. Messrs. James Satterfield, Clement Valandingham, James Robertson, Robert Sample, Joshua Beer and William M'Lean.

Of the Presbytery of Washington:—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Marquis, George Scott and Jacob Cozad.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville:—The Rev. Messrs. Lyman Potter, John Rhea and Salmon Cowles.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny:—The Rev. Messrs. Abraham Boyd, Robert M'Garrough, Cyrus Riggs, Reed Bracken, William Kennedy, John Reddick, Hezekiah May and John Munson.

Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk.

The Rev. Andrew Wylie, D. D., was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Charles C. Beatty, Clerk.

The Rev. Randolph Stone, of the Synod of Western Reserve, being present, was invited, and took his seat as a corresponding member.

The minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

The Rev. Messrs. John Anderson, D. D., Ira Condit, Cephas Dodd and John Core, assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. James Satterfield and Robert M'Garrough appeared at this time; their reasons for not coming sooner, and also for not attending the former meeting of Synod, were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. William Speer, Moses Allen, Thos. E. Hughes, James Harvey, William M'Millan and John Coulter; with the Elders, Messrs. Joseph Finley and John Dinsmore, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures—to meet to-morrow morning at eight o'clock, in this place, and afterward on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Ralston, D. D, John Reed and James Wright; with the Elders, Samuel Thompson and William Porter, were appointed a Judicial committee—to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, in this place, and afterward on their own adjournments.

On motion, Resolved, That it be recommended to the members of this Synod, to meet every morning, during its sessions, at sunrise, in this church, to spend some time in special prayer, for the outpouring of the spirit of God upon the churches under their care.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., OCT. 21st, 1825.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. N. R. Snowden obtained leave of absence, from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. Moses Allen and William Jeffery were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Messrs. James Graham and Wm. Johnston, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. Messrs. Elisha Macurdy and James Hervey, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas D. Baird and Andrew O. Patterson, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie.

The Rev. Messrs. James Wright and William Reed, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Washington.

The Rev. Messrs. John Coulter and John Core, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Steubenville.

The Rev. Messrs. William M'Millan and Thomas Hunt, to examine the records Presbytery of Allegheny.

The Rev. James C. Crane, of the Synod of Genessee, being present, was invited and took his seat as a corresponding member.



Licentiates: Matthew Dunlap, John Kirkpatrick. Candidate: One.

This Presbytery further reported, that on the 19th of October last they received Mr. Alexander M'Candless, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Ohio, and on the 20th of April last ordained and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Long Run and M'Keesport; that on the 19th of April they received the Rev. Nathaniel R. Snowden from the Presbytery of Northumberland, and the Rev. Joseph Harper from the Presbytery of Richland; that on the 19th of May they installed the Rev. Joseph Harper pastor of the united congregations of Saltsburg and Warren; that on the 4th instant they licensed Mr. John Kirkpatrick to preach the gospel. And Presbytery further reported, that they had lately been called by Divine Providence to record, with unfeigned sorrow, the removal by death of a venerable father in the Ministry, the Rev. Samuel Porter, who departed this life the 23d of September last.

ROBERT JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

October 5th, A. D. 1825.

No. 2. PRESBYTERY OF OHIO. This Presbytery consists of 18 members, and has under its care 22 congregations, 3 licentiates and 3 candidates, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Edu. Fund		Miss. Fund.		Com's Fund.		Added last year.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.		Total.
		D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.						
John M'Millan, D. D.,	Chartiers,.....	20	00	31	50	5		30	320	7	15	22	
Joseph Patterson,...	Without Past. Charge,...												
John Andrews,.....	Stated Supply at Duff's and Sewickly,.....					5	03	44	100	6	31	37	
Boyd Mercer,.....	Without a Past. Charge,...												
Samuel Ralston, D. D.	Mingo Creek & Wil- liamsport,.....			7	50	6	55	16	177	1	24	25	
William Woods,.....	Bethel,.....	12	31	45		2	95	8	163		14	14	
Francis Herron, D. D.,	1st Church, Pittsburgh.	95	00	124	37	10	00	26	219		23	23	
Matthew Brown,...	Pres. Jefferson College,												
Joseph Stockton,...	Pine Creek and Alle- ghenytown,.....							12	113		17	17	
Robert Patterson,...	Highlands,.....			37	25	5	00		143	4	19	23	
Moses Allen,.....	Raccoon,.....					2	53	13	224	1	18	13	
Andrew M'Donald,...	Without Past. Charge,...												
George Vennemon,...	New Providence and Jefferson,.....			32	00	4	31	9	72		26	26	
Thomas D. Baird,...	Lebanon,.....					1	50	3	129		18	18	
Elisha P. Swift,...	2d Church, Pittsburgh.	2	25	37	65	6	18	56	225	2	23	25	
William Jeffery,.....	Bethany,.....			64	68	5	00	23	158	6	17	23	
William Smith,.....	Supply Miller's Run,...												
Wm. J. Frazer,.....	Hopewell and White Oak Flats,.....												

Vacant congregation able to support a pastor: Monteurs Run.

Vacant and unable to support a pastor: Flaherty's and Bentleysville.

Licentiates William Nesbet, Richard Campbell, Samuel Reed.

Candidates: Three.

This Presbytery further reported, that on the 19th day of April, 1825, they received Mr. William J. Frazer, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Washington, and on the 22d day of June, they ordained and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Hopewell and White Oak Flats; and on the 5th day of October they received Mr. Samuel Reed, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Washington; and on the same day they licensed Mr. Richard Campbell to preach the gospel.

WILLIAM JEFFERY, *Stated Clerk.*

October 20th, 1825.

No. 3. THE PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD. This Presbytery consists of 10 members, and has under its care 28 congregations, and 1 licentiate, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATION.	Miss. Fund.		Com. Fund.		Added last year.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Total.	
		Cash & 1 <sup>st</sup> Ance.	d.	c.	d.						c.
Thomas E. Hughes,...	Mount Pleasant,.....	195	25	3	35	18	325	2	15	17	
James Satterfield,...	Hubbard and Moorfield,.....	52	42	2	27	12	175	12	1	1	
William Woods,.....	Hopewell and Neshanock,.....	3	60	3	81	14	315	2	33	35	
Chm't Valandingham	New Lisbon,.....	2	24	2	73	16	281	2	25	27	
James Robertson,....	Bethel and Bethesda,.....	3		1	55	22	202	6	27	33	
Robert Semple,.....	New Castle and Slippery Rock,	1	94	3	46	13	237	1	26	27	
Joshua Beer,.....	Without a pastoral charge.....										
James Wright,.....	Poland and Westfield,.....				55	27	237	1	26	27	
William M'Lean,.....	Beaver town,.....				4	00	37	130	7	12	19
Willam Reed,.....	Long's Run and New Salem,...	71	05	2	00	37	267	12	19	31	

Vacant congregations not able to support a pastor: Yellow creek, to Missionary Fund \$16. 31 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Elsworth, Canfield, Middle Sandy, Youngstown, Newton, Boardman, Deerfield, Meander, Pleasant Valley, Brookfield and Bethlehem.

Licentiate: Robert Dilworth.

This Presbytery further reported, that on the 6th day of October, 1825, they dismissed the Rev. Enoch Burton, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Buffalo.

October, 1825.

No. 4. PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON. This Presbytery consists of 11 members, and has under its care 13 congregations, 8 licentiates and 1 candidates, viz:



MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Miss. Fund.		Educ. Fund.		Com. Fund.		Added last y'r.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Total.
		D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.					
Thomas Marquis,	Cross Creek,.....	61	70	2	10	5	00	22	287	2	24	26
George Scott,...	Mill Creek and Flats,.....	56	80			4	00	54	298	8	28	36
Elisha Macurdy,...	Cross Roads,.....	198	78			4	00	17	368	1	18	19
J. Anderson, D. D.,	Upper Buffalo,.....	107	00	12	44	6	00	7	224			
William Wylie,...	Without a Pastoral Charge,											
Cephas Dodd,...	Stated Supply at lower Ten											
	Mile,.....											
Andrew Wylie,...	President of Washington											
	College,.....											
James Hervey,...	Wheeling and Forks of											
	Wheeling,.....	40	47	21	47	4	00	14	157	2	30	32
Thomas Hoge,...	East Buffalo and Claysville,	21	00			4	00	24	146	1	19	20
Obadiah Jennings,	Washington,.....	189	00	19	00	11	00	34	246	1	24	29
Jacob Cozad,...	Lower Buffalo and Center,	12	75			4	00	20	152	4	8	12
Vacant Congre-	Three Ridges,.....	15	00			3	00	9	169	2	34	36
gations able to												
support pastor, }	Pigeon Creek,.....					6	38	13	143	4	28	32

Vacant congregations not able to support a pastor: Upper Ten Mile, West Liberty.

Licentiates: Richard Brown, Samuel M'Ferran, Hugh Koontz, Ebenezer Churchill, David Colmery, John Hawkins, James Arbuthnot, John Stockton.

Candidate: One.

This Presbytery further reported, that on the 22d of October, 1824, they dismissed the Rev. Ludovicus Robbins, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Huron; that on the 28th of December they dismissed Mr. William J. Frazer, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Ohio; that on the 29th of December they licensed Mr. Richard Brown to preach the gospel; that on the 29th of January, 1825, they licensed Messrs. Samuel M'Ferran and Hugh Koontz to preach the gospel; that on the 19th of April they received Mr. Ebenezer Churchill, a licentiate from the Tolland Association, Connecticut; and on the same day dismissed the Rev. Joseph Stevenson, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Columbus, and the Rev. I. L. Skinner, to connect himself with the Presbytery of the District of Columbia; that on the day following they licensed Messrs. David Colmery, John Hawkins, James Arbuthnot, Samuel Reed and John Stockton to preach the gospel; and that on the 4th of October they dismissed Mr. Samuel Reed, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Ohio.

ANDREW WYLIE, *Stated Clerk.*

October, 1825.

No. 5. PRESBYTERY OF ERIE. This Presbytery consists of nine members, and has under its care 19 congregations, and 2 candidates, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Edu. Fund.		Misc. Fund.		Com.'s Fund.		Added last y. r.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Total.
		D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.				
Amos Chase,...	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....										
Timothy Alden,	President of Allegheny College,....										
Samuel Tait,...	Mercer and Salem,.....	11	00	90	37	3	00	8	329	1	27
Johnston Eaton,	Fairview,.....	12	00	12	00	3	00	4	70	8	28
Ira Condit,....	Up. Sandy, Fairfield and Big Sugar Creek,.....			10	00				134		
Bradford Marcy,	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....										
D. McKimney,...	Erie,.....	18	00	20	00	5	90	4	50	4	4
Giles Doolittle,...	North East and Ripley,.....			32	00	5	68		108	4	11
Nathan Harned,	Warren, Lee Grove & Brokenstraw,.....										
	Meadville,.....				6	00			98	11	13
	Oil creek,.....								35		
Vacant Congregations, able to support a pastor.	Gravel Run,.....		6			1	50		44	4	4
	Waterford,.....					2	00		35	1	1
	Middlebrook,.....								30		
	Springfield,.....			5	00	1	47		37	7	7
	Beaver,.....								18		

Candidates: Two.

This Presbytery further reported, that on the 13th of April, 1825, they ordained Mr. David M'Kinney and installed him pastor of the congregation of Erie; that on the day following they ordained Mr. Giles Doolittle and installed him pastor of the united congregations of North East and Ripley; and that on the 20th of April, they ordained Mr. Nathan Harned and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Warren, Sugar Grove and Broken Straw.

JOHNSTON EATON, *Stated Clerk*,

October, 1825.

No. 6. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE. This Presbytery consists of 9 members, and has under its care 21 congregations, and 1 licentiate, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Edu. Fund.		Misc. Fund.		Com.'s Fund.		Added last year.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Total.
		D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.				
Lyman Potter,...	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....										
Joseph Anderson,	Richland and Short creek,.....							125			
John Rhea,.....	Beech Spring,.....	25	00	20	00	3	00	16	227	3	30
Wm. M'Millan,...	Stated Supply Morristown,.....										
Thomas Hunt,...	Two Ridges and Richmond,.....	12	50	16	37	2	31	48	180	4	17
Salmon Cowles,...	Crab Apple,.....	10	75	47	00			16	171	1	19
Charles C. Beatty,	Steubenville,.....	10	00	139	60	6	69	19	120	1	14
William Wallace,	Freeport and Nottingham,.....		3	00		2	00	48	109	5	42
Donald M'Intosh,	Cadiz and Ridge,.....	10	00	10	87	4	73	49	187	4	49
Vacant and able,	island creek,.....				46	79	1	81	1	71	6
	Rockhill,.....										
	Bethel,.....							24	24		17
Vacant and unable,	Centreville,.....									4	23
	Big Spring, Sandy, New Hagers-town, and Fairview,.....							13	13		14
	Annapolis,.....							8	8	2	8

Licentiate: Robert Rutherford.

This Presbytery further reported, that on the 19th of April they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. James Snodgrass to the congregation of Island creek, and on the 26th of July dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Richland; and that on the 5th of October they licensed Mr. Robert Rutherford to preach the gospel.

CHARLES CLINTON BEATTY, *Stated Clerk*.

October 18th, 1825.

No. 7. PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY. This Presbytery consists of 11 members, and has under its care 26 congregations, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Edu. Fund.		Miss. Fund.		Com.'s Fund.	Added last y'r.	Total in Com.	Adults Bapt.	Infants Bapt.
		D.	C.	D.	C.					
Abraham Boyd,...	Bull Creek and Deer Creek,.....	1	00			1	87	12	103	13
Alexander Cook,...	Ebenezer and Bear Creek,.....	1	50			2	16	15	103	3 23
Rob't. M'Garrough,	Stated Supply at Rockland,.....						35	5	51	9
Cyrus Riggs,.....	Scrubgrass and Unity,.....	5	00			1	50	8	69	1 7
Reed Bracken,....	Nebo, Middlesex and Eight Tracts,	3	00	1	75	3	53	21	195	4 16
William Kennedy,	Stated Supply at Bethel,.....									
Hezekiah May,....	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....									
John Reddick,....	Slatelick and Union,.....	1	00			4	00	7	165	15
John Munson,....	Plaingrove and Centre,.....	5	00			6	20	12	259	21
John Coulter,....	Butler, Concord, and Muddy Cr'k,	3	00			4	00	38	186	8 30
John Core,.....	New Rehoboth and Licking,.....	2	50			3	49	41	217	5 32

Vacant congregations: Zelionople, Richland, 62½ cents to Commissioner's Fund; East Concord, 81½ cents to Com's Fund; Franklin, Plane, Amity.

REED BRACKEN, *Stated Clerk*.

October 13th, 1825.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Steubenville, Redstone, Ohio, Allegheny, Hartford and Washington, reported. Their reports were received, and the records respectively approved.

Whereas, the Presbyterial reports, respecting contributions to the Missionary Fund, are in many cases found defective. To prevent this evil in future,—

On motion, Resolved, That all persons paying money, or delivering funds, to the Treasurer, or any agent of the Board, be careful to procure their receipts, and present them to the Presbytery as their vouchers; and that the reports from congregations be made accord-

ing to the receipts, and that duplicates of these reports be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Trust of the Western Missionary Society, at least two weeks before the meeting of the Synod.

The Rev. Matthew Brown, D. D., appeared at this time; his reasons for not coming sooner, and also for not attending the last meeting of Synod, were sustained.

The Rev. William J. Frazer, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Petitions were presented, through the committee of Bills and Overtures, from the congregations of New Providence and Jefferson, to be detached, with their pastor, from the Presbytery of Ohio, and united to the Presbytery of Redstone; and their pastor concurring therein—

On motion, Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The Rev. Ashbel G. Fairchild, with the Elder Abraham Stewart, obtained leave of absence, after to-morrow morning. The Rev. Alex. Cook obtained leave of absence, after the sessions of this day.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., OCT. 22d, 1825.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Geo. Vennemon, with the Elders, Messrs. Sam'l Thompson, John Hannen and Samuel Logan, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

An appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Redstone, in the case of Mr. Hugh Wright, was presented to Synod, through the Judicial committee.

Synod proceeded to take up and consider said appeal. The appeal, and reasons for appealing, and all the proceedings of the inferior judicatory in the case, including the testimony and reasons of their decision, being read; also, having heard the original parties and members of the inferior judicatory:—

On motion, Resolved, That the case be remanded to the session of Rehoboth church for a new trial.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., OCT. 27th, 1825,

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A missionary sermon was delivered last evening by the Rev. Elisha P. Swift, from Isaiah 18: 3—"All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains: and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye." After sermon a collection for the missionary society was taken up amounting to \$40.35.

A written narrative on the state of religion was received from the Presbytery of Steubenville.

Mr. Joseph Findley obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The Presbytery of Washington reported; their report was amended, by striking out the name of the Rev. Joseph Stevenson, as pastor of the congregation of Three Ridges, as he is not now a member of that Presbytery. It was then accepted, and is as follows:

[See No. 4, page 237.]

A complaint of John Williamson, against the decision of the Presbytery of Hartford, was presented to Synod, through the Judicial committee.

Synod proceeded to take up and consider the complaint. The complaint and reasons for complaining, and all the proceedings of the inferior judicatory in the case, including the reasons of their decision, being read; also having heard the original parties, and members of the inferior judicatory; after some progress in the discussion, the complainant expressed a willingness to withdraw the complaint, on the condition that the whole charge be referred to the decision of the Presbytery of Hartford.

Whereupon, on motion, Resolved, That that the charge of John Williamson against Robert M'Conaughy, be referred to the decision of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. Messrs. Matthew Brown, D. D., Boyd Mercer, John Core and William Woods; with the Elders, Messrs. William Porter and George Plumer, obtained leave of absence, from the remaining sessions of Synod.

A petition was presented from a number of the inhabitants of Slipperyrock and Neshanock townships, (within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Hartford and Allegheny,) praying for the erection of a new congregation within said townships, to be known by the name of West Union congregation, and connected with the Presbytery of Hartford.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Hughes, Coulter and Tait be a committee, to meet at the above mentioned place, and decide on the expediency of such a measure, and report to Synod at their next meeting.

A complaint of William Watt, against the decision of the Presbytery of Steubenville, was presented to Synod, through the Judicial committee.

Synod proceeded to take up and consider the complaint. After mature deliberation, it was—

On motion, Resolved, That said complaint be dismissed, for the following reasons, viz:

1. That Mr. Watt embodied in his complaint much extraneous matter, expressed in indecorous language.
2. That if Mr. Watt were able to prove all that he proposed by the new light, the Synod are of opinion that the former decision in his case, would not be materially affected.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., Oct. 25th, 1825.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A written narrative on the state of religion was received from the Presbytery of Erie.

The committee appointed to enquire into the propriety of altering the line of division between the Presbytery of Ohio, and the Presbyteries of Allegheny and Hartford, reported that in their opinion, it is inexpedient at present to make any alteration of said line; because two members of the Presbytery of Allegheny, who are most deeply interested in the proposed change, are not present. But the committee recommend the subject to the attention of the Synod at their next meeting.

On motion, Resolved, That the report of the committee be adopted.

A complaint of the congregation of Upper Salem, under the care of the Presbytery of Erie, against the Presbytery of Hartford, for forming a congregation in its bounds, to its injury, was received.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Samuel Tait be instructed to give notice to the new formed congregation complained of, that they lie within the bounds of the Erie Presbytery.

On motion, Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the members of this Synod, to take measures to aid the funds of the Tract Society, under the patronage of the Synod.

The Board of Trust reported in part as follows:

[The report was not put in the hands of the Clerk.]

Their report was accepted, and their negotiations with the U. F. Missionary Society were approved and ratified; and, on motion—

Resolved, That the Board be authorized to transfer the real estate at the Maumee station, to the U. F. Missionary Society, according to the terms reported by the Board.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Elisha Macurdy be an agent, to accompany the agent of the U. F. Missionary Society to the Maumee station, to aid in the settlement of its accounts, and regulation of its concerns; and that the Board of Trust take measures to have his pulpit supplied and his expenses defrayed.

An appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Ohio, in the case of Mr. Matthew Reed, was presented to Synod, through the Judicial committee. Synod proceeded to take up and consider said appeal. The appeal and reasons for appealing, and all the proceedings of the inferior judicatory in the case, including the testimony and reasons of their decision, being read; also, having heard the original parties and members of the inferior judicatory, on motion, Resolved, That the decision of the Presbytery of Ohio be, and the same is hereby affirmed.

The committee appointed to prepare a condensed narrative on the state of religion, reported. Their report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Pittsburgh Recorder.

The committee appointed on the subject of a petition to the legislature of Pennsylvania, for the passage of a law for the better observance of the Sabbath, &c. reported two drafts of petitions to the legislature of this State and the Postmaster General, which were accepted, and after being amended, were adopted.

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas D. Baird and Robert M'Garrah, with the elder, Mr. William Penny, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon, at three o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

On motion, Resolved, That 200 copies of the petition to the legislature, and 500 copies of the petition to the Postmaster General be printed; and that the Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, D. D. Jos. Patterson and John Andrews be a committee to superintend the printing and distribution; and that the expense be defrayed by the Treasurer of the Synod.

On motion, Resolved, That the remaining part of the report of the Board of Trust be re-committed to them; and the Rev. Messrs. Thomas D. Baird, James Graham and William Jeffery be a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and report to the next meeting of Synod.

On motion, Resolved, That the existing rule, with respect to the election of a Board of Trust, be suspended, and the former Board be continued for the ensuing year.

On motion, Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to the Rev. Thomas Hoge, for his gratuitous discharge of the duties of Stated Clerk for several years past; and also to the Rev. Elisha P. Swift, for his missionary sermon, delivered on Sabbath evening.

On motion, Resolved, That the 1st Thursday of January next, be observed by the churches, within the bounds of this Synod, as a day of humiliation and prayer, for the special influences of the Spirit.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. E. P. Swift, John Andrews and Jos. Stockton, be a committee to make such extracts from the minutes of Synod as may be deemed proper to be inserted in the Pittsburgh Recorder.

Adjourned to meet in the 1st Presbyterian church, in the city of Pittsburgh, the 3d Tuesday of October, A. D. 1826, at eleven o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

In General Assembly, Philadelphia. Thus far examined and approved, May 24, 1826.

T. M'AULEY, *Moderator.*

PITTSBURGH, October 17, A. D. 1826.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer, by the Moderator of the last year.

The following members were present, viz :

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone:—The Rev. Messrs. Wm. Speer, Nathaniel R. Snowden, Robert Johnston, James Graham, George Vennemon, Ashbel G. Fairchild, John Reed, Andrew O. Patterson, Joseph Harper and Samuel Swan; with the Elders, James Miller, Michael Findley, Nathaniel Hurst, Samuel Fleming, Charles Caruthers, John Core, Robert Piper, Ebenezer Findley and William Christie.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio:—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D. Joseph Patterson, John Andrews, Boyd Mercer, William Woods, Francis Herron, D. D. Matthew Brown, D. D. Joseph Stockton, Robert Patterson, Thomas D. Baird, Elisha P. Swift, William Jeffery, Robert M. Laird and William Smith; with the Elders Benjamin Williams, David Duff, James Cooper, William D. Hawkins, Thomas Hamilton, Joseph M'Cullough, John Herriott and Robert Highland.

Of the Presbytery of Erie:—The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Tait, Giles Doolittle, and Wells Bushnell.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford:—The Rev. Thomas E. Hughes, James Robertson, James Wright, Wm. M'Clean, Robert Dilworth; with the Elders, Thos. Bradshaw, James Adair and Samuel Bryson.

Of the Presbytery of Washington:—The Rev. Messrs. George Scott, John Anderson, D. D. Andrew Wylie, D. D. Obadiah Jennings; with the Elders, John Gilchrist, John Duncan and Joseph M'Cready.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville:—The Rev. Messrs. John Rhea, Thomas Hunt, Salmon Cowles and Charles C. Beatty; with the Elders, Stephen Riggs and William Marquis.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny:—The Rev. Messrs. Abraham Boyd, Alexander Cook, Reed Bracken, John Reddick, John Coulter and John Core; with the Elders, John Neyman, John Ingham, Samuel C. Orr, Arthur Morrow and Hugh Gilleland.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT.

Of the Presbytery of Redstone:—The Rev. Messrs. James Power, D. D. Joseph W. Henderson, William Swan, Francis Laird, David Barclay, James Guthrie, William Johnston, Asa Brooks, Jesse Smith and Thomas Davis.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio:—The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Ralston, D. D. Moses Allen, Andrew M'Donald, Thomas Hoge and William J. Frazer.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford:—The Rev. Messrs. James Satter-



field, William Woods, Clement Valandingham, Robert Semple, Joshua Beer, William Reed and Nathan Harned.

Of the Presbytery of Erie:—The Rev. Messrs. Amos Chase, Timothy Alden, Johnston Eaton, Ira Condit, Bradford Marey and David M'Kinney.

Of the Presbytery of Washington:—The Rev. Thomas Marquis, Elisha M'Curdy, William Wylie, Cephas Dodd, James Hervey and Jacob Cozad.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville:—The Rev. Messrs. Lyman Potter, Joseph Anderson, William M'Milian, Wm. Wallace and Donald M'Intosh.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny:—The Rev. Messrs. Robert M'Garrah, Cyrus Riggs, William Kennedy, Hezekiah May and John Munson.

Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk. The Rev. Obadiah Jennings was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Chas. C. Beatty Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Harper, Joseph Patterson, Robert Patterson, Giles Doolittle, George Scott, John Rhea, Salmon Cowles, Abraham Boyd, Reed Bracken and John Reddick, assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. James Graham, Thomas D. Baird, Samuel Tait, James Wright, Andrew Wylie, Thomas Hunt and John Coulter; with the Elders, John Duncan, Benjamin Williams and John Neyman, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures; to meet this evening, at 5 o'clock, in the Session room, and afterwards on their own adjournment.

The Rev. Messrs. William Speer, Thomas E. Hughes, Ashbel G. Fairchild, Matthew Brown and Robert Johnston; with the Elders, David Duff and Michael Finley, were appointed a Judicial committee, to meet this evening at 5 o'clock, in the Session room, and afterwards on their own adjournment.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Moses Allen, Samuel Ralston, D. D. Elisha Macurdy, William M'Millan, William J. Frazer, Alex. M'Candless and William Johnston, appeared at this time and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. Francis Laird and Thomas Davis appeared at this time and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, and also for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. Wm. M'Clean and R. M. Laird were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Messrs. Ashbel G. Fairchild and Wells Bushnell, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. Messrs. William Woods and Andrew O. Patterson, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie.

The Rev. Messrs. John Rhea and Boyd Mercer, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. Messrs. Moses Allen and John Core, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Washington.

The Rev. Messrs. John Coulter and William Jeffery, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Steubenville.

The Rev. Messrs. Nathaniel R. Snowden and Samuel Swan, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Allegheny.

The Rev. Messrs. John Andrews, William M'CLean and Reed Bracken were appointed a committee, to enquire into the propriety of altering the line of division between the Presbytery of Ohio and the Presbyteries of Allegheny and Hartford.

A reference was presented from the Presbytery of Redstone, for the advice of the Synod, in the case of Mr. Matthew Dunlap, a licentiate under their care. Synod having had the reference under consideration, and some information respecting his acceptableness in the churches being received from the different Presbyteries, on motion, Resolved, That any advice by the Synod, at this time, is deemed unnecessary.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M. Oct. 23, 1826.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Nathan Harned, John Munson and William Woods appeared and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

A sermon was delivered last evening, by the Rev. Andrew Wylie, D. D. Moderator of the last year, from Titus 2: 13.—“Let no man despise thee.”

The following Presbyteries reported: their reports were accepted, and are as follows, viz:

No. 1. FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE. This Presbytery consists of 21 ministers, and has under its care 42 congregations, 2 licentiates and 1 candidate, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Infants Bap.	Adults Bap.	Total Bap.	Added last y'r.	Total in Com.	Miss Fund.		Edu. Fund.			Com's Fund.	
							D.	C.	D.	C.	C.	D.	C.
James Power, D. D.,	Without Pastoral Charge,.....												
Jos. W. Henderson, ..	" " " ".....												
William Swan,.....	" " " ".....												
Nath'l R. Snowden, ..	Kittanning, .....	9	5	14	13	40	2	00	3	00			
William Speer,.....	Greensburg and Unity,.....	20	5	25	28	281	18	75			10	00	
Francis Laird,.....	Plumb Creek and Poke Run,...	31	1	32	30	285					4	75	
David Barclay,.....	Jefferson, Lower Plumb Creek												
.....	and Glade Run,.....	64	6	70	51	185							
Robt. Johnston,.....	Rehoboth and Round Hill,....	17	1	18	10	217	28	00	4	25	3	18	
James Graham,.....	Beulah,.....	42	7	49	33	160			8	30	4	25	
James Guthrie,.....	Laurel Hill and Tyrone,.....												
George Vanemon,....	Jefferson and New Providence,												
William Johnston,....	Dunlap's Cr'k and Brownsville,												
A. G. Fairchild,.....	George's Creek, Greensburgh												
.....	and Morgantown,.....	9	1	10	12	187				6	25	2	00
John Reed,.....	Indiana and Gilgal,.....	40	7	47	19	171				2	00	2	00
Asa Brooks,.....	French Creek and Buchanan, ..	9	1	10		67	7	37	2	00			
Jesse Smith,.....	Elbeuzer and Bethel,.....	47	7	54	47	333	99	10			4	85	
A. O. Patterson,....	Sewickly and Mount Pleasant,...	24		22	16	246	113	95	2	00	6	75	
Thomas Davis,.....	Salem and West Union,.....	28	6	34	22	209	30	87	6	00	2	03	
Joseph Harper,.....	Saltsburgh and Warren,.....	32	4	36	60	116					2	75	
Samuel Swan,.....	Fairfield, Ligoneer & Donegal	52	4	56	29	345					5	50	
Alex. M'Candless,...	Long Run and M'Keesport,...	37	14	51	51	152					5	00	
Vacant and able to {	Congruity, .....												
support a pastor. }													
Able to support a }	Uniontown and Union,.....	18	4	22	24	142					5	00	
pastor, united, }													

Vacant, unable to support a pastor: Harmony, Armagh and Somerset.

Licentiates: Matthew Dunlap and John Kirkpatrick.

One candidate.

ROBERT JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk,*

October 10th, 1826.

No. 2. THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO. This Presbytery consists of 19 Ministers and have under their care twenty-two Congregations, two Licentiates and four candidates.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Added last year.	Total in Conn.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Total Ba.	Miss. Fund.		Comm's Fund.		Educ. Fund.	
							D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
John M'Millan, D. D.,	Chartier's.....	11	302	1	15	16			6	18		
Joseph Patterson,....	Without Charge.....											
John Andrews, S. S.,	Duff and Sewickly.....	9	104	2	15	17			4	25		
Boyd Mercer,.....	Without Charge.....											
Sam'l. Ralston, D. D.,	Mingo Creek & Williamsport	14	185	2	23	25	91	70	5	00		
William Woods,.....	Bethel,.....	11	167	1	18	19	31	75	2	46	7	50
Francis Herron, D. D.,	1st Church, Pittsburgh.....	16	230				76	60	13	00	148	97
Math. Brown, D. D.,	Pres. of Jefferson College,....											
Joseph Stockton,....	Pine Creek & Alleghenytown,	10	108	1	15	16			3	00		
Robert Patterson,....	Highlands,.....	3	147	2	13	15			3	00		
Moses Allen,.....	Raccoon,.....	21	241	1	15	16			3	00		
Andrew M'Donald,...	Without Charge,.....											
Thomas D. Baird,....	Lebanon,.....	14	140	2	12	14						
Thomas Hoge,.....	Without Charge,.....											
Elisha P. Swift,.....	2d Church, Pittsburgh,.....	26	239		18	18	25	00	8	40	90	00
William Jeffery,....	Bethany,.....	15	165	1	13	14	54	31	3	12		
Robert M. Laird,....	Montour's,.....											
William Smith, S. S.,	Miller's Run,.....											
Wm. J. Frazer,.....	Hopewell and W. Oak Flats,...	88	219	11	39	50			2	00	26	00
Vacant, able united.	White Oak Flats and Flaherty's,.....											
Not able.	Bentleysville,.....											

Licentiates; William Nesbitt and Richard Campbell, and four Candidates.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 23d day of Nov. 1825, they ordained and set apart Mr. Samuel Reed to the work and office of an Evangelist; that on the 28th day of December, 1825, they licenced, Mr. John Tidball to preach the gospel; that on the 12th day of April, 1826, they dissolved the pastoral relation, between the Rev. William J. Frazer and the congregation of the White oak Flats and on the same day received the Rev. Thomas Hoge, a member from the Presbytery of Washington, Pa., that on the 13th day of June, they received the Rev. Robert M. Laird, from the Presbytery of Lewis, and on the 14th day of June, they dismissed Mr. John Tidball, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Steubenville; that on the 22d of June, they installed the Rev. Robert M. Laird, pastor of the Congregation of Montour's run and on Oct. the 3d, they dismissed the Rev. Samuel Reed to join the Presbytery of Washington Pa.

WILLIAM JEFFERY, *Stated Clerk.*

October, 17th, A. D. 1826.

No. 3. THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE. This Presbytery consists of 11 Ministers and has under its care 24 congregations, viz :

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Add'd.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Total Bap.	Miss. Fund.			Com. Fund.			Edu. Fund.		
							D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.
Amos Chase,....	Oil Creek, .....		30							2	27				
Timothy Alden,...	President Allegheny College,.....														
Samuel Tait,....	Mercer,.....	6	192		15	15	30	00		2	50	30	00		
Johnston Eaton,...	Fairview, .....	4	74		9	9	70	25		3	00				
Bradford Marcy,...	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....														
Ira Condit,....	Fairfield and Upper Sandy,.....		134				10	00		3	00				
David M'Kinney,...	Erie, .....	13	61	2	5	7	8	75		3	53	12	00		
Giles Doolittle,...	North East and Ripley, .....		108	4	11	15									
Wells Bushnell,...	Meadville, .....		98							5	73				
Ab. M'Cready,...	Middlebrook Union, and Beaver dam, .....		48												
Thos. Anderson,...	Big Sugar Creek, Concord and Franklin, .....														
Vacant Congregations able to support a pastor.	Springfield, .....	9	55		3	3	25	75		3	00				
	Gravel Run and Waterford,.....	31	104	16		25	16	00		2	00				
	Warren, Sugar Grove and Big Sugar Creek, .....		15							7	37				
	Salem, Greenville and Big Bend, ..		129		15	15	75	00		1	50				
Vacant & unable.	Beaver, Randolph,.....														

The Presbytery, moreover, reported, that on the 26th of May, 1826, they installed the Rev. Amos Chase, pastor of the congregation of Oil creek: that on the 22d day of June, they dismissed the Rev. N. Harned, to join the Presbytery of Hartford and on the same day they ordained Mr. Wells Bushnell and installed him pastor of the congregation of Meadville; that on the 14th of Sept., they ordained Mr. Absalom M'Cready and installed him Pastor of the united Congregations of Middlebrook, Union and Beaverdam, and on the 19th of September, they ordained Mr. Thomas Anderson and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Big Sugar creek, Concord and Franklin.

JOHNSTON EATON, *Stated Clerk.*

October, 1st, 1826.

No. 4. THE PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD. No report.

No. 5. PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON, PA. This Presbytery consists of 11 ministers, and has under its care 16 congregations, 5 Licentiates and 3 candidates, viz :

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Added last year.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants bap.	Total Bap.	Miss. Fund.		Com.'s Fund.		Edu. Fund	
							D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
George Scott,...	Mill Creek and Flats,.....	37	420	11	40	51			4	00		
Thomas Marquis,	Without a Pastoral Charge,.....											
J. Anderson, D. D.	Upper Buffalo,.....	22	238				46	65	5		24	41
Elisha Macurdy,	Cross Roads,.....	12	374	1	11	12	102	00	4	08		
Samuel Reed,...	Three Springs and Flats,.....	7	57		6	6	6	00				
James Hervey,...	Forks of Wheeling & Wheelingtown	8	155		7	7	27	00	4	00	18	50
A. Wylie, D. D.,	Pres't of Washington College and Stated Supply at Pigeon Creek,...	7	135	1	12	13			6	00		
Wm. Wylie, S. S.	Short Creek and Wheeling,.....											
Oba. Jennings,...	Washington, .....	22	247				50	00	10	00		
Jacob Cozad,...	Lower Buffalo and Centre, .....	13	157	2	5	7	52	51	4	00		

Cephas Dodd, pastor, Ten Mile.

Vacant Congregations able to support a pastor: Upper Ten Mile and Three Ridges.

S. M'Ferran, H. Koontz, John Hawkins, John Stockton, E. Churchhill, Licentiates, and 3 Candidates.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 18th day of April, 1826, they dismissed Samuel C. Jennings, a candidate under the care of this Presbytery, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New Brunswick; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. George Scott and the congregation of the Flats; that on the fourth Friday of May last they organized a church in the town of Wheeling; that on the 3d of October they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Thomas Marquis and the congregation of Cross creek.

ANDREW WYLIE, *Stated Clerk.*

October, 13th 1826.

No. 6. THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE. This Presbytery consists of 9 ministers, and has under its care 22 congregations and 2 licentiates, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Added last y'r.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Total Bap.	Miss. Fund.		Com. Fund.		Edu. Fund.	
							D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
Lyman Potter,....	Without Charge,.....											
Joseph Anderson,...	Richland and Short Creek,.....								4	54		
John Rhea,.....	Beech Spring,.....	12	333	2	23	25			3	00		
William M'Millan,...	Stated Supply at Morristown,...											
Thomas Hunt,.....	Two Ridges,.....	11	160	1	9	10			2	77		
Salmon Cowles,....	Crab Apple,.....	15	175	4	25	29						
Charles C. Beatty,...	Steubenville,.....	17	126	6	20	26	91	96	7	00	6	75
William Wallace,...	Nottingham and Freeport,.....	11	116	3	31	34			1	50		
Donald M'Intosh,...	Without Charge,.....											
	Cadiz,.....	17	117	2	18	20			2	75		
	Ridge,.....	17	87		12	12						
	Fairview,.....	8	21	1	8	9						
Vacant and unable to support a pastor.	Centreville,.....	37	79	11	43	54						
	Big Spring,.....	1	40		6	6						
	Annapolis,.....	8	14		20	20						
	Woodfield,.....	22	22		7	7						
	Bloomfield,.....	18	18		3	3						

Vacant congregation able to support a pastor: Island creek.

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor: Rockhill, Bethel and New Hagerstown.

Licentiates: Robert Rutherford, John C. Tidball.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 18th day of April last they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Donald M'Intosh and the congregation of Cadiz; that on the 3d of October they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Thomas Hunt and the congregation of Richmond; and on the same day received under their care, Mr. John C. Tidball, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Ohio.

CHARLES CLINTON BEATTY, *Stated Clerk.*

October 17th, A. D. 1826.

No. 7. THE PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY. This Presbytery consists of 11 ministers, and has under its care 43 congregations, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Added last y'r.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Total Bap.	Miss. Fund.		Com. Fund.		Edu. Fund.	
							D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
Abraham Boyd,....	Bull Creek,.....	18	88	8	13	21	2	28	2	00		
Alexander Cook,...	Ebenezer and Bear Creek,.....	12	115	2	14	16					1	50
Cyrus Riggs,.....	Scrubgrass,.....								3	00		
Robert M'Garrah,...	E. Concord, Rockland, Rich'd,nd,								2	00	5	00
Reed Bracken,....	Nebo and Middlesex,.....	8	109	2	10	12			2	00		
Wm. Kennedy,.....	Bethel and Red Banks,.....	21	68	6	19	25			2	00		
Hezekiah May,....	Without a Pastoral Charge,....											
John Reddick,....	Slatelick and Union,.....	19	115		15	15			2	50	1	00
John Core,.....	Licking and New Rehoboth,....	49	260	8	24	32	17	78	4	00		
John Munson,....	Plaingrove and Centre,.....	9	259	1	15	16	24	00	3	00	3	00
John Coulter,....	Butler, Concord & Muddy creek,	24	200	3	29	32			4	00	3	00
Vacant and unable.	Eight Tracts,.....	1	28						00	50		

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor: Franklin, Amity, Plane, Unity, Shippenville, Zelenople and Deer creek.

REED BRACKEN, *Stated Clerk*.

October 17th, 1826.

The stated clerks of delinquent Presbyteries were ordered to prepare reports and transmit them to the stated clerk of Synod.

(The stated clerk has not received a report from the Presbytery of Hartford.)

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Redstone, Allegheny, Steubenville and Hartford, reported; their reports were received and the records respectively approved.

The records from the Presbyteries of Washington and Erie not being present, the committees on these records were discharged.

An overture, marked No. 2, was taken up, and being read, was committed to the Rev. Messrs. Thomas D. Baird, Samuel Ralston, John M'Millan and Robert Johnston, with the elder Benjamin Williams.

Overture marked No. 3, was taken up, and being read, was committed to the Rev. Messrs. Obadiah Jennings, Matthew Brown, Andrew O. Patterson, Samuel Tait, Thomas E. Hughes, John Anderson, Charles C. Beatty and Reed Bracken.

Overture marked No. 1, was taken up, and being read, was indefinitely postponed.

The Synod proceeded to receive reports on the state of religion. Written narratives were received from the Presbyteries of Redstone, Erie and Steubenville. The Presbyteries of Ohio, Hartford, Washington and Allegheny, assigned reasons wherefore written narratives were not exhibited, which were sustained.

On motion, Resolved, That the reports read, be put into the hands of the editor of the *Pittsburgh Recorder*, to publish from them such parts as he may think proper.

A communication was received from the agent of the American Colonization Society, which was committed to the Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, Robert Johnston and Samuel Tait.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio reported; their report was received and the records approved, with the exception of the minute on page 70, from which it appears that the Presbytery dispensed with a critical exercise, which had been appointed to a candidate and proceeded immediately to his licensure.

The committee appointed on the communication of the agent of the Colonization Society reported; their report was received and adopted, and is as follows, viz:



Whereas, a communication was received from the agent of the American Colonization Society, requesting the friendly co-operation of this Synod in the great work of humanity and religion, in which the Society is zealously and actively engaged; and believing that both the temporal and spiritual interests of a degraded portion of the human family among us, are intimately connected with the success of this institution: and whereas, the Society is prepared, and only need funds, to send out a large number of emigrants this fall, to the Colony at Liberia: and whereas, General Assembly have, for some years past, recommended to the churches under their care, to patronize the objects of this Society, and particularly to take up collections for its funds on the 4th of July; therefore—

Resolved, That this Synod do earnestly recommend this subject to the churches under their care, and request such pastors of the churches as have not complied with the recommendation of the General Assembly, to preach on the subject, and take up collections and forward them to the Rev. Joseph Patterson, for the purpose of aiding the Society in immediately sending out the emigrants contemplated by them this fall.

The committee appointed on overture No. 2, reported. Their report was received, and after amendment was unanimously adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Nothing can be more obvious, than that every society, civil or religious, united for any specific purpose, must be founded on some acknowledged constitutional rules or principles; that these rules ought to bind all the members respectively with equal sanctions, and that unless they are observed and maintained, the society itself must sink either into non-existence or confusion.

In accordance with these plain maxims, the Presbyterian church has recognized and distinctly avowed, among others, the following “general principles,” viz: that “every christian church is entitled to declare the terms of admission into its communion, and the qualifications of its ministers and members;” that “our blessed Savior hath appointed officers,” who are authorized to exercise discipline for the preservation of both truth and duty, and to cast out the erroneous and scandalous; that no opinion can be either more pernicious or more absurd, than that which brings truth and falsehood upon a level, and represents it as of no consequence what a man’s opinions are; and that it is necessary to make provision that all who are admitted as teachers be “sound in the faith.”

Notwithstanding, however, the adoption and promulgation of the above, among other “general principles,” with all the care that has been taken, and all the means that have been employed for their correct application, they are oftentimes evaded or violated, by the admission into this church of ministers who have not given that security which its constitution expressly demands. Ordained ministers, of other denominations, with whom we are on terms of friendly correspondence, are now by a number of our Presbyteries received as a matter of course, without incurring those obligations by which

we ourselves are bound; nor does even the form of instalment provide for the omission. There is also abundant reason to apprehend, that the admission of such is becoming still more common; from which encouragement has been taken, even to require their reception as a privilege they have a right to demand. Although it is believed, that with every correct mind, the very act of uniting with any church constitutes a tacit adoption of its doctrines and discipline, and ought to be deemed *prima facie* evidence of the sentiments of the party being in accordance with those of the body with which he unites; yet we are too well aware of the evasions which are often used on such subjects, as well as with the facts which have transpired, not to see the absolute necessity of the most explicit avowals, where ministerial consistency, harmony and soundness in the faith are so deeply involved. It cannot for a moment be supposed, that our ecclesiastical reputation, or even our strength, depends on or consists in the number of our adherents; but, under the guardian care of our church's Head, our unity, purity and piety.

Where, then, shall we find a reason, or even an excuse, for the anomaly which now appears in the Presbyterian church? Here we see her sons, nurtured in her bosom, fostered by her care, and instructed in all her doctrines and rites of worship, *justly* required, before entering into the ministry, by a public profession of their faith, to give a pledge of the purity of their sentiments and the correctness of those doctrines they are likely to inculcate; while those who have been raised under the influence of other principles, forms and prepossessions, are admitted without any such assurance.

Surely, if an explicit and solemn guarantee be requisite from those who have been instructed in all the doctrines and forms of our ritual, much more is it necessary from those who are, in a great degree, strangers to us and to them; but if it is not proper or necessary from the latter, then they are right who would exterminate all creeds and confessions from the church of God.

We do not, therefore, affect to conceal our deep and growing concern, under the apprehension of that danger to which our constitutional standards, ecclesiastical institutions, and doctrinal purity are exposed, by receiving ministers of religion as constituent members of our judicatories, who have not incurred the same obligations by which their brethren have plighted their faith. Although we can, without any dereliction of principle or reluctance of feeling, cherish the most friendly sentiments toward those who differ from us in many particulars and cultivate a friendly intercourse with them; we do not therefore believe, that either principle, prudence or courtesy requires us to invest them with the direction of our ecclesiastical concerns, and the harmony, order and beauty of this branch of the Zion of God imperiously forbid it. Indeed; when our judicatories shall have been in a great measure composed, as from the present practice may at no distant period be realized, of those who have not submitted to our regulations, do not feel our obliga-

tions, and whose attachment to our doctrines may frequently and justly be questioned; we may see our schools, our funds and all our resources transferred to other hands, and employed for other purposes than those for which they have been bestowed and accumulated, and we may in vain regret the apathy which has been indulged, while surrendering, inch by inch, the very foundations on which our ecclesiastical institutions are based.

We are not, indeed, prepared to specify the precise number of those ministers who may have been admitted into our church, in the manner already noticed; but should the number be smaller and the danger less than many apprehend, it is now the proper time to guard against their increase, while no inconvenience can result from the precaution. On the contrary, should the number of those who have been so received, be greater than others suppose, and should they feel aggrieved by the adoption of a suitable remedy, it would only afford a more striking evidence that the danger is pressing, and that the prompt adoption and immediate application of such a remedy are the more imperiously required. Neither are we prepared to believe, that any one, who has with good faith adopted our confession and discipline, will object to the act of subscription hereafter proposed, however offensive it should be to those who might wish to evade its obligations, and for their own reasons retain a regular standing in our church.

To guard, therefore, as far as practicable, against consequences of so serious a character as those to which we have adverted, the Synod of Pittsburgh respectfully, yet most earnestly recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following, or some other adequate rule, for the more effectual application of the "general principles," avowed and published in the constitution of our church, viz:

Resolved, 1st. That it shall henceforth be the duty of every Presbytery under the care of this Assembly to keep a book, into which shall be transcribed the obligations required of ministers of this church, at their ordination; which shall be subscribed in the following form, viz: I, A B, do, *ex animo*, adopt, receive and subscribe the above obligations, as a just and true exhibition of my principles and faith, and do resolve and promise to exercise my ministry in conformity thereto.

2d. That every minister of the Presbyterian church shall be required to subscribe the above obligation, and that every individual who shall hereafter become a minister of this church, whether by ordination or admission from any other ecclesiastical body, shall, before taking his seat in Presbytery, in like manner subscribe the same.

3d. That the books or catalogues thus formed, shall be annually submitted to the inspection of the respective Synods, as the other minutes of the Presbyteries are; and the Synods shall form the rolls of their members from the catalogues formed and laid before them.

4th. That, as in the opinion of this Assembly, no minister of this church, who is not unfriendly to our doctrines and discipline, will refuse to subscribe the above obligations, it is the manifest duty of all who cannot conscientiously enter into these obligations, peaceably to withdraw.

On motion, Resolved, that the Stated Clerk of Synod forward a copy of this overture, by some commissioner from the Presbytery of Ohio, to the next General Assembly.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY 9 O'CLOCK, A. M. Oct. 19, 1826.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. William Wylie appeared, and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained. A missionary sermon was delivered last evening by the Rev. Andrew O. Patterson, from Mark, 16: 15.—“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” After sermon a collection for the Missionary Society, amounting to \$32, was taken up.

An overture, marked No. 4, was taken up, and being read, it was on motion, Resolved, That the request of the petitioners be granted, and the congregation of Claysville be detached from the Presbytery of Washington and attached to the Presbytery of Ohio, so long as the Rev. Thomas Hoge shall administer to said congregation the ordinances of religion as a stated supply.

The committee appointed at the last meeting, of Synod for the purpose of examining the books of the Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and find the books of the Treasurer, the Rev. E. Macurdy, correctly kept and presenting the following state of the funds, viz:

Receipts from October 24th, 1824, when the books	
were last audited,	\$1696 00
Expenditures during the same period,	1969 71

Leaving a balance in favor of Treas. - - -	\$273 71
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This includes the sum of \$815 80, paid over to the Assistant Treasurer, which will consequently appear in his account.

The books of the Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Samuel Thompson, are also correctly kept, and having compared them with the vouchers, find that from the 8th day of October, 1822, when Mr. Thompson entered on the duties of his office, the cash receipts have amounted to - - - - -	\$6658 49
Expenditures during the same period, - - - - -	6444 92

Leaving a balance in the Treasury of - - -	\$213 57
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The receipts in articles of clothing, produce, &c. during the

same period, have amounted to \$1717 00, exclusive of some articles not valued, and which were so published in the Recorder. As these were forwarded to the Missionary Station, they make no change in the balance of the receipts and expenditures.

Reducing from the amount of receipts and expenditures the \$815 80, already noticed, the total amount on both books would stand as follows:

Receipts,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$7538 69
Expenditures,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7598 83

Balance against the Treasury,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$60 14
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Errors excepted. All which is respectfully submitted.

T. D. BAIRD,	} <i>Auditing Committee.</i>
WILLIAM JEFFERY,	

*N. B.*—In this examination there is nothing which regards the permanent fund.

The committee appointed on overture No. 3, reported. Their report was received, and after amendment was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

1st Resolved, That it is inexpedient to adopt the resolutions contained in the overture.

2d. Resolved, That a Board of Agency be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take the most efficient measures for obtaining additional subscriptions, for the establishment and support of the contemplated Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny Town.

The Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, William Speer and Robert Johnston were appointed a committee to nominate Agents and a Board of Agency.

The Rev. Messrs. Ashbel G. Fairchild and Jno. Reddick, with the Elders, John Core, Nathaniel Hurst and Robert Piper, obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of Synod.

On motion, Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be presented to the Rev. A. O. Patterson, for the missionary sermon preached last evening.

An appeal of Mr. Robert M'Conaughy, from a sentence of the Presbytery of Hartford, affirming the sentence of the Session of Hopewell church, by which he had been suspended from the sealing ordinances of the church, was taken up. The appeal and reasons for appealing, and all the proceedings of the inferior judicatories in the case, including the testimony and reasons of their decision, being heard—

Synod adjourned to meet this afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The appeal of Mr. R. M'Conaughy was resumed, and the Synod having heard the original parties and the members of the inferior judicatory, and the roll having been called and an opportunity afforded for the members of the Synod to express their opinion, on motion, Resolved, That the sentence of the Presbytery be, and the same is hereby affirmed.

An appeal of Mr. James Taylor, from a sentence of the Presbytery of Hartford, by which he had been suspended from the sealing ordinances of the church, was taken up. The appeal and reasons for appealing and all the proceedings of the inferior judicatory in the case, including the testimony and reasons of their decision, being heard; also, having heard the original parties and members of the inferior judicatory, the roll also having been called, and an opportunity afforded for the members of the Synod to express their opinions, it was, on motion, Resolved, That the sentence of the Presbytery be affirmed.

The committee appointed to nominate Agents and a Board of Agency, for the purpose of procuring additional funds, within the bounds of the Synod, for the establishment of a Theological Seminary at Allegheny Town, reported, that they recommend the following persons as Agents: For the Presbytery of Redstone—the Rev. Messrs. Robert Johnston and Andrew O. Patterson; for the Presbytery of Ohio—the Rev. Joseph Stockton; for the Presbytery of Erie—the Rev. Samuel Tait; for the Presbytery of Hartford—the Rev. Thomas E. Hughes; for the Presbytery of Washington—the Rev. William Wylie; for the Presbytery of Steubenville—the Rev. Charles C. Beatty; for the Presbytery of Allegheny—the Rev. John Munson.

The committee further recommend to the Synod, that the Board of Agency consist of five, viz: the Rev. Messrs. F. Herron, E. P. Swift, Joseph Stockton, James Graham and T. D. Baird; and shall have power to appoint agents, to solicit subscriptions and obtain funds in behalf of the contemplated Theological Seminary, at the town of Allegheny; and to do all other things by them deemed necessary for furthering the location and establishment of said Seminary.

This report was accepted and adopted.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Elisha P. Swift, Samuel Tait and Robert Johnston be a committee, to take into consideration the state of religion, within our bounds, and report before the rising of Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. Francis Laird and Alexander M'Candless, with the Elders, Samuel Fleming and David Duff, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 8½ o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, 8½ O'CLOCK, OCT. 20, 1826.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of altering the boundary line between the Presbytery of Ohio and the Presbyteries of Allegheny and Hartford, reported, that in their opinion, it is inexpedient to make any alteration in said line. Nevertheless, the committee recommend, that the Synod allow the Presbytery of Ohio, with the concurrence of the Presbytery of Allegheny, to preach, administer ordinances, and build up churches in that part of the territory of the Presbytery of Allegheny, which lies south of the Connequenessing, from its mouth to the mouth of Break-neck; all south of the Break-neck to its source, and of a line drawn thence to a point on the Allegheny river, including the congregation of Deer-creek, and not interfering with that of Bull-creek. Their report was accepted and adopted.

Synod proceeded to the election of a Board of Trust for the ensuing year, whereupon the Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, Elisha P. Swift, Obadiah Jennings, John Anderson, Elisha Macurdy and Joseph Stockton; with the Elders, Messrs. Samuel Thompson, John Hannen and Robert Witherow, were elected, to meet this evening at eight o'clock and afterward on their own adjournments.

A Second appeal of Mr. James Taylor, from a sentence of the Presbytery of Hartford, by which he had been suspended from the sealing ordinances of the church, was taken up.

The appeal and reasons for appealing, and all the proceedings of the inferior judicatory in the case, including the testimony and reasons of their decision being heard,—also, having heard the original parties and members of the inferior judicatory, the roll also having been called and an opportunity afforded, for the members of the Synod to express their opinions, it was on motion,

Resolved, unanimously, That the sentence of the Presbytery be affirmed.

The Rev. Messrs. John Rhea, Andrew O. Patterson, Nathaniel R. Snowden, Giles Doolittle, Matthew Brown, William Jeffery, Samuel Swan, Thomas Davis, William Woods of the Presbytery of Hartford, James Robertson, William M'Clean, Samuel Tait, John Core, Abraham Boyd and John Reed; with the Elders, Michael Finley, Ebenezer Findley, Samuel C. Orr, John Neyman, John Herriott, Samuel Bryson, James Adair, John Ingham and Charles Caruthers, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod, reported; the report was received and after some discussion on its adoption, Synod adjourned to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Synod proceeded to the further consideration of the report on the state of religion, which being amended was adopted and is as follows : (The Stated Clerk never received said report.)

Ordered that the report be printed in the Recorder, and also 100 copies to be distributed, by the Editor, to vacant Congregations.

On motion, Resolved, That the Synod recommend to the churches, under their care, to promote the objects of the agent of the A. Board of C. F. M.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Elisha P. Swift, John Anderson and Joseph Stockton, be a committee to make such extracts from the minutes of Synod as may be deemed proper to be inserted in the Pittsburgh Recorder. The Rev. Jesse Smith appeared, and rendered reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

The following notice of his intention to appeal to the General Assembly were lodged, by James Taylor, viz :

"The Rev. Moderator and members of the Synod of Pittsburgh, are hereby notified, that I shall appeal to the General Assembly, from the decision of said Synod, on the 19th instant, in the case of the charge of Josiah Robbins, against James Taylor."

#### "REASONS FOR APPEAL."

"1st. Because the session declined to take important testimony in behalf of the accused.

"2d. Because the session was disorderly in their proceedings and thereby deprived the accused of testimony after the witnesses had been cited.

"3d. Because the records of session does not set forth all the facts, and because it sets forth that which is not fact.

"And because the Synod refused to hear the evidence offered by the accused to support the reason of his appeal, also a complaint will be carried to said Assembly, for the purpose of bringing all the proceedings had in the case, before said body."

October 21st, 1826.

JAMES TAYLOR.

"The Rev. Moderator and members of the Synod of Pittsburgh, are hereby notified, that I shall appeal to the General Assembly, from the decision of said Synod on the 20th instant ; Reasons for appeal.

"1st. Because the session refused to hear or enter on their minutes, my objections, for going into the trial at that time, and instead thereof entered, that I said I was ready."

"2d. Because Synod refused to hear testimony to support the reasons for the appeal."

"Also a complaint will be carried to said Assembly for the purpose of bringing all the proceedings had in the case, before said body."

JAMES TAYLOR.

October 21st, 1826.



The above notices were lodged, the day after Synod adjourned.

Adjourned to meet in the 2d church in the city of Pittsburgh, on the 3d Wednesday of October, next at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Pittsburgh reported, and the records were approved with the following exceptions, viz:

Page 303, where it is stated that a report on the state of religion "was adopted and is as follows:" but the report does not appear there, and that at the opening of the Synod no sermon was delivered as the Constitution requires, but on the following evening.

In General Assembly at Philadelphia, May 22d, 1827. Thus far examined and approved with the above exceptions.

FRANCIS HERRON, *Moderator.*

PITTSBURGH, October 17th, A. D. 1827.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment and was opened with a sermon, by the Rev. Obadiah Jennings, Moderator, of the last year, from Col. 4: 17. "And say to Archippus, take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfill it." Constituted with prayer.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone.—The Rev. Messrs. Nathaniel R. Snowden, William Speer, Francis Laird, Robert Johnston, Jas. Graham, George Vanemon, William Johnston, John Reed, Andrew O. Patterson, Thomas Davis, Joseph Harper, Alexander M'Candless, John H. Kirkpatrick and Samuel M'Ferran; with the Elders, Alexander Irwin, William M'Crea, John Blythe, James Todd and Henry Fulton.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio.—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., Joseph Patterson, John Andrews, Samuel Ralston, D. D., William Woods, Francis Herron, D. D., Mathew Brown, D. D., Joseph Stockton, Robert Patterson, Thomas D. Baird, Thomas Hoge, Elisha P. Swift, William Jeffery, Robert M. Laird, William Smith, William J. Frazer and Robert Rutherford; with the Elders, Benjamin Williams, James Cooper, Alexander Patterson, John Shaw, Johnston Glass, William Hartupee, Alexander Ewing and John Hays.

Of the Presbytery of Erie.—The Rev. Messrs. Amos Chase, Wells Bushnell, Thomas Anderson, and Absalom M'Cready.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford,—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, Clement Valandingham, James Wright, William M'Clean, William Reed, Nathan Harned and Robert Dilworth; with the Elder, George Montieth.

Of the Presbytery of Washington,—The Rev. Messrs. George Scott, John Anderson, D. D., Elisha Macurdy, William Wylie, Andrew Wylie, D. D., Obadiah Jennings, Samuel Reed, John Stockton and Richard Brown; with the Elders, Thomas Thompson, Reddick M'Kee, Thomas Orr and George Newel.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville,—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Anderson, John Rhea, William M'Millan, Thomas Hunt, Salmon Cowles, Charles C. Beatty, William Wallace and John C. Tidball; with the Elders, George Day and John Lyle.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny,—The Rev. Messrs. Alexander Cook, Cyrus Riggs, John Core and John Coulter; with the Elder, Robert Graham.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. James Power, D. D., Joseph W. Henderson, William Swan, David Barclay, James Guthrie, Ashbel G. Fairchild, Asa Brooks, Jesse Smith and Samuel Swan.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—Boyd Mercer and Andrew M'Donald.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. Timothy Alden, Samuel Tait, Johnston Eaton, Bradford Marcy, Ira Condit, David M'Kinney, Giles Doolittle and Pearce Chamberlain.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford,—The Rev. Messrs. James Satterfield, William Woods, James Robertson, Robert Sample and Joshua Beer.

Of the Presbytery of Washington,—The Rev. Messrs. James Herve, Cephas Dodd, and Cornelius Laughran.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville,—The Rev. Messrs. Jacob Cozad and Donald M'Intosh.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny,—The Rev. Messrs. Abraham Boyd, Robert M'Garrah, Reed Bracken, William Kennedy, Hezekiah May, John Reddick and John Munson.

The Rev. E. P. Swift was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Thomas Hoge, Clerk.

The following members assigned reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained, viz: The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hoge, William J. Frazer, Clement Valandingham, William Reed, Amos Chase, Absalom M'Cready, Thomas Anderson, William M'Millan, William Wallace and Cyrus Riggs.

The minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read. Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK,

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read,

The following members were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, viz: The Rev. Messrs. Matthew Brown, D. D., John Anderson, D. D., William Speer, James Wright, William M'Millan, John Coulter and Wells Bushnell; with the Elders, Benjamin Williams and Reddick M'Kee, to meet in this place to-day at one o'clock, P. M., and afterward on their own adjournments.

The following members were appointed a Judicial committee, viz: The Rev. Obadiah Jennings, Samuel Ralston, D. D., Robert Johnston, William M'Clea, Charles C. Beatty, John Core and Amos Chase; with the Elders, James Cooper, Thomas Orr and William Hartupce,—to meet in this place to-day at 1 o'clock, P. M., and afterward on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Andrew Wylie, D. D., and Thomas D. Baird, were appointed a committee, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone.

The Rev. Messrs. William Wylie and Elisha Macurdy, to examine to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Rev. Messrs. James Graham and William Jeffery, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Washington.

The Rev. Messrs. Francis Laird and John Munson, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford.

The Rev. Messrs. William M'Clea and Thomas Davis, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Steubenville.

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hunt and Andrew O. Patterson, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Allegheny.

The Rev. Messrs. Moses Allen and Cyrus Riggs, to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie.

The Rev. Messrs. James Satterfield, Jacob Cozad and James Hervey appeared and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, and also for absence from the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. William Woods, John Munson and Ashbel G. Fairchild, assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

The Rev. Richard Brown and the Rev. Robert Rutherford, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The Rev. Allen D. Campbell, of the Synod of West Tennessee, and the Rev. John Joice of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, being present and invited took their seats as corresponding members.

On motion, Resolved, That the congregation of Centre, be detached from the Presbytery of Washington Pennsylvania, and attached to the Presbytery of Steubenville.

On motion, Resolved, That this Synod will spend the Forenoon of next Saturday in special prayer; and the Rev. John M'Millan, D. D., and Joseph Patterson were appointed a committee, to direct the exercises on that occasion.

Synod proceeded to receive reports, on the state of religion within their bounds, and written narratives on that subject were received

from all the Presbyteries, which were ordered to be put into the hands of the Rev. John Andrews, for the publication of such parts of them as he may think proper.

Presbyterial reports, were called for, on which the following Presbyteries reported, their reports were accepted and are as follows, viz :

No. 1 THE PRESBYTERY OF PEDSTONE. This Presbytery consists of 23 members and has under its care 43 Congregations and 1 Licentiate.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Added last y <sup>r</sup> .	Total in Com.		Adults Rep.		Infants Rep.		Total Rep.		Miss. Fund.		Com's Fund.		Edu. Fund.	
			D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
James Power, D. D.	Without a Pastoral Charge.															
Jos. W. Henderson.	Without Pastoral Charge.															
William Swan.	Without a Pastoral Charge.															
William Speer.	Greensburg and Unity.	19	293	2	25	27	26	10	10	00						
Francis Laird.	Poke Run and Plumb Crk.	36	315	1	33	34				3	25					
David Barclay, S. S.	Jefferson, Lower Plumb Creek and Glade Run.	28	209	9	30	39										
Nath'l R. Snowden.	Kittanning.															
Robert Johnston.	Rehoboth and Round Hill.	14	226	2	14	16	18	90		4	93				6	42
James Graham.	Beulah.															
James Guthrie.	Laurel Hill and Tyrone.	35	210	4	28	32				5	32					
William Johnston.	Dunlap's Creek & Browns-ville.	22	188	2	34	36	19	87		11	56				5	75
George Vanemon.	Jefferson & N. Providence.	5	68		6	6	2	00		4	00				6	00
Ashbel G. Fairchild.	Morgantown, George's Crk and Greensburg.	5	246	1	8	9				5	00					
A. O. Patterson.	Sewickly and Mount Pleasant.	39	24	5	33	38	76	06		7	62				5	00
Jesse Smith.	Bethel and Ebenezer.	44	372	3	44	47				2	00				2	00
Asa Brooks.	French Creek.															
Thomas Davis.	Salem and West Union.	46	266	7	18	25	11	78		4	00				3	75
Samuel Swan.	Fairfield, Ligoneer, & Donegal.	27	362	1	43	44	13	25		4	00				4	37
Joseph Harper.	Saltsburgh and Warren.	42	147	6	44	50				4	00					
Alex. McCandless.	Long Run and McKeesport.	29	178	15	30	45	3	00		6	75				42	25
Jno. H. Kirkpatrick.	Harmony and Armagh.															
John Reed.	Indiana and Gilgal.															
Samuel MFerran.	Congruity.															
Vacant and able.	Uniontown.	1	61		5	5				2	00					
Vacant and unable	Middletown and Somerset.															
		392	3405	58	395	453	170	97	74	55	75	00				

Elisha D. Barret. Licentiate.

Presbytery further report, That on the 13th of December last, they ordained the Rev. John H. Kirkpatrick and installed him pastor of the united Congregations of Harmony and Armagh; that on the 12th of April last, they licensed Mr. Elisha D. Barret to preach the Gospel; and on the same day, dismissed Mr. Matthew Dunlap, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Richland, Ohio,

that on the 29th of August last, they received Mr. Samuel M'Ferreran a Licentiate, from the Presbytery of Washington, Pennsylvania, and on the 3d day of Oct., inst. ordained and installed him pastor of the Congregation of Congruity,

ROBERT JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

October, 12th, 1826.

No. 2 THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO. This Presbytery consists of 20 ministers and has under its care 21 Congregations, 2 Licentiates and 1 Candidate.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Added last year.	Total in Com.	Adults. Bap.	Infants. Bap.	Total Bap.	Miss. Fund.		Com's Fund.		Edu. Fund	
							D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
John M'Millan, D. D.,	Chartiers,.....	8	301	5	35	40	240	00				
Joseph Patterson,...	Without Past. Charge,...											
John Andrews, S. S.,	Duff's and Sewickly,...	7	89	1	17	18			3	50		
Boyd Mercer,.....	Without a Past. Charge,...											
Samuel Ralston, D. D.,	Mingo Creek & Williams											
	port,.....	14	185	2	15	17						
William Woods,.....	Bethel,.....	15	169		9	9	28	00	2	22	2	00
Francis Herron, D. D.,	1st Church, Pittsburgh,...	32	262	4	20	24	354	13	13	00	168	00
Matthew Brown,...	Pres. of Jefferson College,											
Joseph Stockton,...	Pine Creek and Alle-											
	ghenytown,.....	7	112	1	21	22			3	00		
Robert Patterson,...	Highlands,.....	10	152	1	13	14			3	00		
Moses Allen,.....	Raccoon,.....	15	252	2	16	18	100	00			16	00
Andrew M'Donald,...	Without Past. Charge,...											
Thomas D. Baird,.....	Lebanon,.....	6	141	1	5	6						
Thomas Hoge, S. S.,	Claysville,.....	27	94	2	16	18	100	00	4	00		
Elisha P. Swift,....	2d Church, Pittsburgh,...	26	239		18	18	25	00	8	40	90	00
William Jeffery,....	Bethany,.....	15	175	1	12	13	15	62	3	56	1	00
Robt. M. Laird,....	Montour's,.....	39	185	8	29	37	124	50				
William Smith, S. S.,	Miller's Run,.....											
Wm. J. Frazer,.....	Hopewell,.....	14	110	4	18	22	57	27				
Vacant and unable.	Plain, Allegheny Presb.,	28	36	5	5	10			1	75		
		238	2247	24	196	220	279	36	41	41	472	43

Robert Rutherford, Without a Pastoral Charge.

Vacant congregations united and able to support a pastor; White oak Flats and Flaugherty,

Vacant Congregation unable to support a pastor: Bentleyville.

William Nesbett; Licentiate, and John Moor; Candidate.

The Presbytery, moreover report, that on the 17th day of April last they dismissed Mr. Richard Campbell, a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Washington, Pennsylvania, and on the day following, they dismissed Mr. John Montgomery, a candidate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New Brunswick; that on the 3d day of Oct., inst. they received the Rev. Robert Rutherford, from the Presbytery of Steubenville, and on the same day licensed Mr. John Moor to preach the Gospel.

WILLIAM JEFFERY, *Stated Clerk,*

October 17th, 1827.

No. 3. THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE. This Presbytery consists of 12 ministers, and has under its care 27 congregations and one candidate.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Added last y'r.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Total Bap.	Miss. Fund.			Com's Fund.			Edu. Fund.		
							D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.
Amos Chase,...	Oil Creek and Centerville,...		35												
Samuel Tail,...	Mercer,...		192												
Timothy Alden,...	President of Allegheny College.														
Bradford Marcy,...	Without a Pastoral Charge,...														
Johnston Eaton,...	Fairview,...	3	75	1	5	6	15	00		2	00				
Ira Condit,...	Up. Sandy, Fairfield and Amity,		134												
D. M'Kinney,...	Eric,...	21	77	5	19	24	14	67		8	03				
Giles Doolittle,...	North East and Ripley,...	15	135	5	28	33				12	82		23	79	
Abs. M'Cready,...	Middlebrook, Beardam and Union,	6	56	1	5	6					2	00			
Thos. Anderson,...	Big Sugar Creek and Concord,...	22	77	7	13	20					2	94			
Wells Bushnell,...	Meadville,...	16	112	7	25	22					4	00			
P. Chamberlain,...	Without Charge,...														
Vacant Congregations unable to support a pastor.	Gravel Run,...	4	72	7	7	14					2	00			
	Springfield,...	18	71	6	22	28					3	00			
	Randolph,...	16	36	9	23	32					2	00			
	Waterford,...		35												
	Warren, and Brokenstraw,...		27												
	Deerfield,...	14	14												
	Salem, Greenville, Big Bend,...														
		150	1292	36	124	160	22	67		37	99		23	79	

Vacant Congregations unable to support a pastor : North Branch and Sugar Grove,

The Presbytery, moreover report, that on the 27th of June last, they installed the Rev. Amos Chase, for the one-fourth of his time over the congregation of Centerville.

JOHNSTON EATON, *Stated Clerk.*

October 12th, 1827,

**NO. 4. THE PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD.** This Presbytery consists of 12 ministers, and has under its care 28 congregations, one Licentiate and two candidates.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Added last y'r.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Total Bap.	Miss. Fund.		Com. Fund.	
							D.	C.	D.	C.
Thomas E. Hughes,...	Mount Pleasant, .....	5	295		25	25	117	31	2	68
James Satterfield,...	Hubbard and Moorfield,...	3	115		16	16	32	67	2	60
William Woods,...	Hopewell and Neshaunock,...				20	20				
Clm't Valandingham	New Lisbon, .....	12	285		33	37	5	00	3	37
James Robertson,...	Bethel and Bethesda,...	18	215	4	22	22			1	56
Joshua Beer, S. S.,...	Bethlehem, .....	15	50	1	7	8				
Robert Semple,...	New Castle and Slippery Rock,	14	246	1	20	21	39	25	3	40
James Wright,...	Poland and Westfield,...	18	264		22	22			7	06
William Reed,...	Long's Run and New Salem,...	17	302	3	25	28			3	25
William M'Lean,...	Beavertown, .....	23	166	2	28	30			5	00
Nathan Harned, S. S.,	Youngstown, .....	7	106	1	28	29			3	40
Robert Dilworth,...	Pleasant Valley, .....	31	30	1	6	7			1	53
Vacant and unable.	Yellow Creek, S. S., .....								1	85
		163	2134	13	280	243	162	00	35	71

Vacant congregations unable to support a pastor: Elsworth, Canfield, Middle Sandy, Newton, Deerfield, Meander, Brookfield and Wellsville,

John M'Arthur, Licentiate,

The Preseetyery further report, that they did at their last meeting receive under their care Mr. John M'Arthur, a candidate from the Presbytery of Philadelphia and on the 3d of October, did License him to preach the Gospel, JAMES SATTERFIELD, *Stated Clerk*.

**NO. 5. PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON.** This Presbytery consists of 12 members, and has under its care 13 congregations, 4 licentiates and 4 candidates, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Added last y'r.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Total Bap.	Miss. Fund.		Com. Fund.		Edu. Fund.	
							D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
J. Anderson, D. D.,	Upper Buffalo, .....	6	226				235	06	5	00		
Elisha Macurdy,...	Cross Roads, .....	11	380		18	18	223	00	4	00		
George Scott,...	Mill Creek, .....	11	228	1	19	20	68	97	4	00		
Cephas Dodd,...	Lower Ten Mile, .....	25	82	3	9	12	89	43	4	00		
Wm. Wylie, S. S.,	West Liberty and Wheeling,...											
Andrew Wylie,...	Pigeon Creek, and President of											
Washington College, .....		16	148		18	18	51	78	4	00	9	
James Hervey,...	Forks of Wheeling, .....											
Saml. Reed, .....	Three Springs and the Flats,...	15	234		18	18	142	00	4	00		
John Stockton,...	Cross Creek, .....		287									
Obadiah Jennings,	Washington, .....	9	239	1	21	22	153	34	7	15	40	
		109	2306	10	116	126	788	88	36	15	49	

Cornelius Laughran, S. S. Upper Ten mile; Richard Brown, without a pastoral charge.

Vacant congregations; Lower Buffalo, Three Ridges and Mount Prospect.

Abner Leonard, Henry Hervey, John Hawkins and Richard Campbell, Licentiates, and four candidates.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 17th of April, they dissolved the Pastoral relation, between the Rev. James Hervey and the Congregation of the Town of Wheeling, and on the 19th the pastoral relation between the Rev. Jacob Cozad, and the Congregation of Lower Buffalo, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Steubenville; that on the 20th of June, they dismissed Mr. Samuel M'Ferran, a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Redstone, and on the same day ordained Mr. John Stockton and installed him pastor of the Congregation of Cross creek: that on the 2d of October, they received the Rev. Cornelius Laughran from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and ordained Mr. Richard Brown as an Evangelist. The Presbytery moreover, have to report, the decease of the Rev. Thomas Marquis, one of their most respected and beloved members. He departed this life on the 29th ult.

ANDREW WYLIE, *Stated Clerk.*

October, 6th, 1827.

No. 6. THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE. This Presbytery consist of 10 ministers, and has under its care 23 congregations, and 1 Candidate, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Added last y <sup>r</sup> .	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Total Bap.	Miss. Fund.		Com. Fund.		Educ. Fund.	
							D	C. D.	C. D.	C.		
Joseph Anderson,...	St. Clairsville and Short Cr'k,	9	229	3	14	47			2	00		
John Rhea,.....	Beech Spring,.....	10	30	3	8	11					10	00
Wm. M'Milian, S. S,	Morristown,.....	8	108	3	9	12			2	72	6	05
Thomas Hunt,.....	Two Ridges,.....											
Jacob Cozad,.....	Centre,.....	19	179	6	22	28			1	60		
Salmon Cowles,.....	Crab Apple,.....	10	125		13	13	58	50	4	40	10	00
Charles C. Beatty,...	Steubenville,.....	24	122	2	31	33				177		
William Wallace,...	Nottingham and Freeport,...											
Donald M'Intosh,...	Without Charge,.....	21	87	3	2	5			1	71	2	00
John E. Tidball,...	Island Creek,.....	4	18			13						
	Annapolis,.....	1	41		3	3						
Vacant and unable to support a pastor.	Big Spring,.....	10	85	3	27	30						
	Centreville,.....	3	24		5	5			1	00		
	Fairview,.....	21	21		16	16						
	Woodfield,.....	12	12									
	Feed Spring,.....											
160 1099 23 166 189 58 50 14 60 28 05												

Vacant Congregations; Cadiz, Richmond, Rockhill, Bethel, New Hagerstown and Sandy.

One Candidate.



The Presbytery further report, that on the 17th of November, 1826, they ordained Mr. John C. Tidball and installed him pastor of the Congregation of Island creek; that on the 21st of December, they ordained Mr. Robert Rutherford as an Evangelist; that on the 17th of May, 1827, the Rev. Lyman Potter, deceased, in the 80th year of his age: that on the 10th of July, they received the Rev. Jacob Cozad, as a member, from the Presbytery of Washington, Pa., and on the 2d of October, they dismissed the Rev. Robert Rutherford, to join the Presbytery of Ohio.

CHARLES CLINTON BEATTY, *Stated Clerk.*

October 18th, 1827.

NO. 7. THE PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY. This Presbytery consists of 10 ministers, and has under its care 27 congregations, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Added last y'r.	Total in Conn.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Total Bap.	Miss Fund.		Com.'s Fund.		Edu. Fund.	
							D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
Abraham Boyd,....	Bull Creek,.....	6	92	2	15	17			2	27	50	
Alexander Cook,...	Without a Pastoral Charge,										8	00
Robert M'Garrah,...	Without Pastoral Charge,...											
Cyrus Riggs,.....	Scrubgrass,.....								3	36	12	60
Reed Bracken,.....	Nebo and Middlesex,.....	10	119	4	31	35			3	50	5	00
Hezekiah May,.....	Without Pastoral Charge,...											
John Reddick,.....	Slatelick and Union,.....	12	177	1	18	19	7	00	3	05	1	00
John Core,.....	Licking & New Rehoboth,...	29	231	1	18	19	14	50	5	04	2	71
John Munson,.....	Plaingrove and Centre,...	10	261	2	17	19	4	00	4	00	1	00
John Coulter,.....	Butler, Concord and Muddy											
	creek,.....	16	119	4	19	23			6	00	1	00
	East Concord, S. S.,.....	11	68	3	12	15				1	00	
Vacant.	Bethel and Red Bank, ....	21	107	1	20	21			3	00	1	00
	Ebenezer and Bear Creek, ..	7	129	2	14	16						
	Eight Tracts, S. S.,.....	1	29	1		1			1	00		
	Richland, S. S.,.....	1	39		3	3			1	72		
		124	1421	21	167	188	11	00	33	94	32	21

Vacant Congregations: Plain, S. S., Franklin, S. S., Amity, S. S., Unity, S. S., Richland, Zelionople, Shippenville and Deer creek.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 3d of April, 1827, they dismissed, the Rev. William Kennedy, to join the Presbytery of Salem, Indiana; that on the 26th of June, they dissolved the pastoral relation, between the Rev. Alexander Cook, and the Congregations of Ebenezer and Bear creek.

REED BRACKEN, *Stated Clerk.*

October 11th, 1827.

The Rev. Reed Bracken appeared, his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio, Erie, Hartford, Washington, Steubenville

and Allegheny, reported, the reports were accepted and the records approved.

On motion, Resolved, That the Stated Clerks of the respective Presbyteries, be careful to distinguish in their reports to this Synod, as well as to the General Assembly, the monies received, for foreign from those received for domestic missions.

On motion, Resolved, That in future, no reports will be received from the different Presbyteries, composing this Synod, excepting such as may be drawn up, agreeably to the most recent form, prescribed by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, with the addition of a separate column, to meet the object of the preceeding resolution.

On motion, Resolved, That the Treasurer of the "Auxiliary Colonization Society" in this city, be requested to transmit without delay, to the Treasurer of the Parent Society, such monies as may have been received by him from the Rev. Joseph Patterson, the Treasurer of this Synod.

On inquiry it appeared that a number of the members had attended to the recommendation of Synod, in relation to taking up collections, in aid of the American Colonization Society, past at their last meeting.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Robert Colmerly, Elder, now appeared and took his seat.

The judicial committee reported, first, an Appeal, by Mr. Sampson More, from a decision of the Presbytery of Hartford, reversing the judgment of the session of the congregation of Hopewell, whereby, Dr. John M'Cready was suspended from the sealing ordinances of the church.

Second: An appeal by Mr. William Hughes, from a decision of the Presbytery of Steubenville; whereby the Rev. John C. Tidball was adjudged to be rebuked and seriously admonished.

The committee of Bills and Overtures, reported, a written document, containing an application from the Presbytery of Steubenville, for an alteration in the line of division, between the Presbyters of Hartford and Steubenville.

On motion, Resolved, That this application be referred to the Rev. Messrs. Clement Valandingham, Thomas Hunt and George Scott, a committee, to report thereon, before the rising of Synod.

The Appeal of Mr. Sampson More, from a decision of the Presbytery of Hartford, was taken up.

The appeal and reasons for appealing, and all the proceedings of the inferior judicatories in the case, including the testimony and reasons of their decisions, were heard.

The Rev. Andrew O. Patterson and Messrs. John Blythe and

Henry Fulton, Elders, obtained leave of absence from the remaining session of Synod.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, Concluded with prayer,

FRIDAY MORNING, October 19th, 1827.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The consideration of the appeal of Mr. Sampson More was resumed; and the Synod having heard the original parties and the members of the inferior judicatory, and the roll having been called and an opportunity afforded for the members of the Synod to express their opinions, on motion, Resolved, That the sentence of the Presbytery be, and the same is hereby affirmed.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. John Joice, Thomas Hughes and John Anderson, D. D. be a committee to devise such means as may be deemed proper, to co-operate with the Philadelphia Bible Society, for the more extensive circulation of the sacred Scriptures, and to report to Synod before the close of their sessions.

The appellant, in the case of the Rev. John C. Tidball, requested permission to withdraw his appeal.

On motion, Resolved, That the consideration of this request be postponed till the afternoon.

On motion, Resolved, That the election of the Board of Trust, of the Western Missionary Society, be the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The committee, to whom was referred the application from the Presbytery of Steubenville, for an alteration in the line of division between the Presbyteries of Hartford and Steubenville, reported, that the line of division between said Presbyteries be so altered, as to make it a line from the mouth of the Big Yellow Creek, along the line between the 2d and 3d sections of the Township, due west, to the western boundary of the Seven Ranges.

On motion, Resolved, That the report be adopted.

On motion, Resolved, That when Synod adjourn, they adjourn to meet in the First Church, in the city of Pittsburgh, on the third Thursday of October next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Ashbel G. Fairchild, Nathaniel R. Snowden, Joseph Harper, George Scott, Samuel Ralston, D. D. Jas. Wright, John Rhea, John C. Tidball, Francis Laird, William Reed and Absalom M'Cready; with the Elders, Messrs. James Todd, William M'Crea, Robert Graham, John Lyle, George Newell and Thomas Orr, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod, after the close of the present session.

Synod resumed the consideration of the request of the appellant, in the case of the Rev. John C. Tidball, to withdraw his appeal.

On motion, Resolved, That the request be granted.

The Presbytery of Steubenville presented to Synod a request for the appointment of two Ministers to read the decision of that Presbytery in the case of the Rev. John C. Tidball, in the congregations of Island Creek and Mountpleasant.

On motion, Resolved, That the request be granted, and that the Rev. Messrs. M'Cready and M'Clain be appointed to discharge that duty.

The committee on Bills and Overtures reported overture No. 2, viz: "What is the duty of a Presbytery, in relation to a member or members who habitually absent themselves from their meeting?"

Synod proceeded to the consideration of this overture, when on motion; it was Resolved, That the further consideration thereof be indefinitely postponed.

Overture No. 3, viz: "Information is requested from the Rev. Synod of Pittsburgh, whether it be proper for double cousins to marry together—*i. e.* when two brothers are married to two sisters, is it proper for the children of those parents to be married to each other?"

This overture having been taken up—on motion, Resolved, That the further consideration thereof be indefinitely postponed.

The committee appointed to arrange the exercises and their order, at the meeting for special prayer, on to-morrow, reported. The report was adopted.

The committee appointed to devise such means as may be deemed proper, to co-operate with the Philadelphia Bible Society, for the more extensive distribution of the sacred Scriptures, reported. The report was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Resolved, That this Synod highly approve of the determination of the Philadelphia Bible Society, to supply every destitute family in the State of Penna. with a copy of the Bible, within three years.

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly and affectionately recommend to the ministers and churches within their bounds, and who reside and are situate in the State of Pennsylvania, a cheerful co-operation with the Philadelphia Bible Society; by their individual influence, and by the formation of County Bible Societies, and Township Associations, by which the benevolent purpose of that Society, to supply every destitute family with a copy of the sacred Scriptures, may be accomplished in that part of the State of Pennsylvania which lies within our bounds.

Synod proceeded to the nomination of a Board of Trust, for the Western Missionary Society, for the ensuing year; whereupon, the following members were nominated, viz: Rev. Messrs. Dr. Herron, Elisha P. Swift, Obadiah Jennings, Jno. Andrews, Elisha Macurdy and Joseph Stockton; with the Elders, Messrs. Samuel Thompson, John Hannen and Robert Witherow.

Adjourned to meet at 8½ o'clock, to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8½ O'CLOCK, Oct. 20, 1827.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above, with the exception of those who had obtained leave of absence yesterday afternoon. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Messrs. Obadiah Jennings and Thomas Davis were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society.

On motion, Resolved, That the compensation to the Stated Clerk, in future, shall be at the rate of 12½ cents per page, for the transcription of the records, and 25 cents for the transcription of each Presbyterial report.

On motion, Resolved, That the compensation to the permanent Clerk shall be \$3 for his services during each meeting of Synod.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society, reported. Their report was adopted and is as follows, viz:

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society, as stated, and have compared them with the vouchers, and found the same to be correct; leaving a balance in favor of the Treasurer of \$119 49.

OBADIAH JENNINGS,  
THOMAS DAVIS,

October 20th, 1827.

Said committee also reported, that they have examined the accounts of the Assistant Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society, which are as follows, viz:

1826, Oct. 13—Balance in Treasurer's hands,	\$213 57
1827, Oct. 19—Cash received during the past year,	245 52

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\$459 09

Disbursed since Oct. 13 1826, on ac't of sundry orders,	94 98
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Balance in Treasury,	\$364 11
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SAMUEL THOMPSON, *Ass't Treas. of W. M. Soc.*

October 19th, 1827.

On motion, Resolved, That the rule for the election of the Board of Trust by ballot be dispensed with, and that the former Board of Trust be continued for the ensuing year; and that they meet on Monday, the 22d inst. in the Session house of the 1st Church, in this city, and afterward on their own adjournments.

Resolved, That the recommendation of last year, to the members of this Synod, in relation to taking up contributions in aid of the American Colonization Society, be continued.

Resolved, That the compensation to the janitor, be in future \$1 per day, for his services during the sessions of Synod.

Agreeably to a preceding resolution, Synod spent a considerable portion of this forenoon in special prayer.

Adjourned to meet in the 1st Church, in this city, on the third Thursday of October next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer, and the apostolical benediction.

Thus far examined and approved, in General Assembly, May 27, 1828.  
S. ELY, *Moderator*.

PITTSBURGH, October 16th, A. D. 1828.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer, by the Moderator of the last year.

The following members were present, viz:

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone:—The Rev. Messrs. Wm. Speer, Francis Laird, David Barclay, Robert Johnston, John Reed, James Graham, William Johnston, Andrew O. Patterson, George Ven-nemon, Joseph Harper, Samuel Swan, Samuel M'Ferran, J. Holmes Agnew and Alex. M'Candless; with the Elders, Patrick Power, Robert Carothers, Robert Baird, George Plummer and Robert Rainey.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio:—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D. Joseph Patterson, John Andrews, Samuel Ralston, D. D. William Woods, Francis Herron, D. D. Matthew Brown, D. D. Joseph Stockton, Robert Patterson, Moses Allen, Thos. D. Baird, Allan D. Campbell, Thomas Hoge, Elisha P. Swift and William Jeffery; with the Elders, Benjamin Williams, John Shaw, William Hartuppee, Samuel Collins and Creighton Stewart.

Of the Presbytery of Erie:—The Rev. Messrs. Johnston Eaton, Absalom M'Cready, Thomas Anderson, Wells Bushnell. Pierce Chamberlain, Peter Hassinger and James Alexander.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford:—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, Jas. Satterfield Wm. Woods, Jas. Wright, Wm. Reed, Wm. M'Clean, Nathan Harned and Robert Dilworth; with the Elders, Stephen Todd, Thomas Henry, Alexander M'Donald and George Dawson.

Of the Presbytery of Washington:—The Rev. Messrs. Geo. Scott, Elisha Macurdy, Wm. Wylie, Jas. Harvey, Sam'l. Reed and Jno. M'Cluskey; with the Elders, James Proudfit, Joseph M'Cready and John Edie.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville:—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. Hunt, Alex. Cook, Salmon Cowles and Charles C. Beatty.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny:—The Rev. Messrs. Abraham Boyd, John Munson, John Core, John Coulter and John Moore.

## MEMBERS ABSENT.

Of the Presbytery of Redstone:—The Rev. Messrs. Jas. Power, D. D. Joseph W. Henderson, Ashbel G. Fairchild, Jesse Smith, Asa Brooks, Thomas Davis, James Guthrie and John H. Kirkpatrick.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio:—The Rev. Messrs. Boyd Mercer, Andrew McDonald, William Smith, Robert M. Laird and Robert Rutherford.

Of the Presbytery of Erie:—The Rev. Messrs. Amos Chase, Samuel Tait, Timothy Alden, Bradford Marcy, Ira Condit, Giles Doolittle and David McKinney.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford:—The Rev. Messrs. Clement Valandingham, Joshua Beer and Robert Sample.

Of the Presbytery of Washington:—The Rev. Messrs. John Anderson, D. D. Cephas Dodd, Andrew Wylie, D. D. Cornelius Laughran, John Stockton and Richard Brown.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville:—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Anderson, John Rhea, William M'Millan, William Wallace, Jacob Cozad, James Robertson and John C. Tidball.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny:—The Rev. Messrs. Robert M'Garrah, Cyrus Riggs, John Reddick, Hezekiah May and Wm. Kennedy.

Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk. The Rev. James Wright was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Thomas D. Baird Clerk.

The Rev. Jacob J. Janeway, D. D. of the Synod of Philadelphia, the Rev. John Joice, of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, and the Rev. William T. Hamilton, of the Synod of New Jersey, being present, were invited and took their seats as corresponding members.

The minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

The following members assigned reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained, viz: the Rev. Messrs. David Barclay, Samuel Swan and Johnston Eaton.

The Rev. William M'Millan appeared and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

## THURSDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, Allan D. Campbell, James Graham, Thos. Hoge, Abraham Boyd, Thomas Hunt and Absalom M'Cready; with the Elders, Geo. Plimmer and Benjamin Williams, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures; to meet this evening, at 4 o'clock, and afterward on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. Matthew Brown, D. D. Charles C. Beatty and William M'Clean; with the Elders, Thomas Henry and Wm. Hartupee, were appointed a Judicial committee; to meet this evening, at 4 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The following committees were appointed, to examine the Presbyterial records, viz: Of the Presbytery of Redstone—Messrs. Sam'l Ralston and Wm. Woods; of the Presbytery of Hartford; — Of the Presbytery of Ohio, Messrs. Munson and M'Clean; Of the Presbytery of Erie, Messrs. Hughes and Core; Of the Presbytery of Hartford, Messrs. John Reed and J. Eaton; Of the Presbytery of Washington, Messrs. Hunt and Harned; Of the Presbytery of Steubenville, Messrs. William Wylie and M. Allen; Of the Presbytery of Allegheny, Messrs. Vennemon and M'Cready.

On inquiry it appeared, that although a number of the members had attended to the recommendation of Synod, in relation to taking up collections in aid of the American Colonization Society, yet many had entirely neglected it; therefore, Resolved, That it be, and it hereby is again earnestly recommended to the members of this Synod, to give that attention to the above resolution which the importance of the subject so manifestly demands.

Mr. David Hanna, a ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Hartford, appeared and took his seat.

Presbyterial reports were called for; on which the Presbyteries reported. Their reports were accepted, and are as follows, viz:

No. 1. PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE. This Presbytery consists of 23 members, and has under its care 43 congregations, 2 Licentiates, and 1 Candidate, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Added last y.r.	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Total Bap.	Miss. Fund.		Com's Fund.		Edu. Fund.	
							p.	c.	p.	c.	p.	c.
William Speer,.....	Greensburg and Unity,.	15	295	1	14	15			12	18	17	00
Francis Laird,.....	Plumb Creek and Poke Run, .....	28	338	1	39	40	134	00	3	55	2	00
N. R. Snowden, S. S.,	Kittanning,.....		43		10	10	2	00			3	00
David Barclay, S. S.,	Lower Plumb Creek and Jefferson, .....		209									
Robt. Johnston,....	Rehoboth and Round Hill,.	9	228	1	14	15	145	55	3	50	5	50
James Graham,.....	Beulah,.....	34	177		41	41	140	00	4	00	10	00
James Guthrie,....	Laurel Hill and Tyrone,.	27	221	6	21	27	114	00	3	00		
William Johnston,...	Dunlap's Cr'k & Brownsville, .....		188						6	00	4	00
John Reed,.....	Indiana and Gilgal,....	23	207	1	47	48	3	94	3	50	2	00
Jesse Smith,.....	Ebenezer and Bethel,....	38	390	3	28	31	85	00	2	50		
A. O. Patterson,....	Sewickly & Mount Pleasant, .....	28	287	6	19	25	234	10	7	37	2	00
Thomas Davis,.....	Salem and West Union,...	54	290	3	25	28	68	34	10	91	9	25
Joseph Harper,....	Saltsburgh and Warren,.	9	153	4	32	36			3	94		
Samuel Swan,.....	Fairfield, Ligonier and Donegal, .....	30	370	6	39	45			5	00	9	60
George Vanemon,...	Jefferson and New Providence, .....		68									
Alex. M'Candless,...	Long Run and M'Keesport, .....	38	209	3	33	36	99	91	5	00	9	75
Jno. H. Kirkpatrick,	Harmony and Armagh,...	18	58	1	40	41				2	00	
Samuel M'Ferran,...	Congruity,.....	18	250	29	29		95	30	4	00	2	00
John H. Agnew,....	Uniontown, .....	6	65	2	7	9			2	00		
		375	4294	38	338	476	1062	04	78	36	76	10



The Rev. James Power, D. D. and Joseph W. Henderson are without charges. A. G. Fairchild, p. George's Creek and Union; Asa Brooks, p. French Creek.

Vacant congregations—Glade Run, Geneva, Somerset, Morgantown and Middletown.

Licentiates, Nathaniel Dunlap, Elisha D. Barret.

The Presbytery, moreover, report, that on the 13th of November last, the Rev. William Swan departed this life, at his residence. That on the 19th of October, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Ashbel G. Fairchild to the congregations of Morgantown and Greensburgh; and on the 12th of November, installed him pastor of the congregation of Union. That on the 11th of December, they received Mr. John H. Agnew, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and the 26th of January, 1828, ordained him and installed him pastor of the congregation of Uniontown. And on the 3d day of June last, they dismissed the Rev. Nathaniel R. Snowden, to join the Presbytery of Huntingdon.

ROBERT JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

No. 2. THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO. This Presbytery consists of 20 members, and has under its care 23 congregations, 1 Licentiate, and 6 Candidates, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Added last year.	Total in Conn.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Total Bap.	Misc. Fund.		Comm's Fund.		Educ. Fund.	
							D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
John M'Millan, D. D.,	Chartier's.....	26	305	2	20	22	209	80	7	00		
John Andrews, S. S.,	Duff and Sewickly,....	7	92	1	5	6			3	75		
Sam'l. Ralston, D. D.,	Mingo Creek and Wil-											
	liamsport, .....		185									
William Woods,	Bethel, .....	17	175	3	16	19	17	62	5	00		
Francis Herron, D. D.,	1st Church, Pittsburgh,.	95	319	8	36	44	235	00	23	00		
Jos. Stockton, S. S.,	Pine Creek & Alleghe-											
	nytown, .....	18	126	3	18	21			3	00		
Robert Patterson,....	Highlands, .....	7	159		7	7			3	00		
Moses Allen, .....	Raccoon, .....	19	262	2	20	22			5	00		
Thomas D. Baird,...	Lebanon, .....	10	142	1	11	12	80	00				
Thomas Hoge, S. S.,	Claysville & E. Buffalo	34	130	2	10	12						
Elisha P. Swift,....	2d Church, Pittsburgh,.	62	286	9	31	40	182	00	9	32	91	00
William Jeffery,....	Bethany, .....	27	187	4	17	21	34	57	5	00	2	00
Robt. Rutherford, S. S.	Flaherty's, .....		219									
Vacant.	Montour's, .....	31	208	1	32	33	45	00			1	00
		363	2834	36	223	259	603	99	75	07	103	00

Without charges—Jos. Patterson, Matt. Brown, Pres't of Jeff. Col. Andrew M'Donald, Allan D. Campbell, Robert M. Laird—Boyd Mercer, S. S. Bentleyville, William Smith, S. S. Miller's Run.

Vacant congregations—White-oak Flats, Hopewell, Centre.

Licentiate, William Nesbet.

The Presbytery, moreover, report, that on the 6th day of Nov. 1827, they installed the Rev. Robert Rutherford pastor of the

united congregations of White-oak Flats and Flagherty. That on the 15th day of April last, they received the Rev. Allan D. Campbell, from the Presbytery of West Tennessee; and on the following day licensed Mr. Joseph S. Vincent to preach the gospel. That on 17th day of June, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Robert M. Laird to the congregation of Montures; and the day following they ordained Mr. John Moore, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Cranberry Plains, Deer Creek and Pine Creek Cross-roads; and on the same day dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Allegheny. That on the 7th day of October, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. William J. Frazer to the congregation of Hopewell, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Miami; and on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Robert Rutherford to the united congregations of White-oak Flats and Flagherty. The Presbytery further report the death of Mr. Joseph S. Vincent, who departed this life, August 31, 1828.

WILLIAM JEFFERY, *Stated Clerk.*

October 15th, 1828.

NO. 3. THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE. This Presbytery consists of 14 members, and has under its care 30 congregations.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Added last y <sup>r</sup> .	Total in Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Total Bap.	Miss. Fund.		Com's Fund.		Educ. Fund.	
							D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
Amos Chase,....	Oil Creek and Centreville,...		50						1	75		
Samuel Tait,....	Mercer, .....	67	227	17	7	24	103	00	4	00	10	00
Johnston Eaton,...	Fairview, .....	6	75		5	5	15	00	2	00		
Ira Condit,.....	Fairfield, Georgetown, Amity,	22	180	3	28	31			2	41		
David M'Kinney,...	Erie, .....	13	87	3	20	23	16	85	5	00	8	00
Giles Doolittle,...	North East and Ripley, .....		135									
P. Chamberlain,...	Stated Supply at Springfield,	1	63		5	5	2	00	3	00		
Abs. M'Cready,...	Middlebrook, Beaver Dam & Union, .....	56	111	17	39	56	1	50	3	00		
Wells Bushnell,...	Meadville, .....	49	150	10	18	28	79	00	5	00		
Thos. Anderson,...	Big Sugar Creek, Concord and Franklin, .....	37	129	6	23	29			3	00		
Peter Hassinger,...	Gravel Run and Waterford, ..	3	110				9	91	3	00		
James Alexander,...	Salem, Greenville and Big Bend, .....		129									
		256	1344	52	145	197	227	00	33	72	18	00

Without charges—Timothy Alden and Bradford Marcy.

Vacant congregations—Big Conneaut, North Bank, Warren, Sugar Grove, (61 members,) Broken-straw and Deerfield.

The Presbytery, moreover, report, that on the 9th day of April last, they licensed Mr. James Alexander to preach the gospel; and that, on the 1st day of October, they ordained Mr. Peter Hassinger, and installed him pastor of the congregation of Gravel Run. That on the 13th of October, they ordained Mr. James Alexander, and

installed him pastor of the united congregations of Salem, Greenville and Big Bend.

JOHNSTON EATON, *Stated Clerk.*

October 5th, 1828.

NO. 4. THE PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD. This Presbytery consists of 11 members, and has under its care 27 congregations and 2 Candidates, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUN'TS.			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.					
		Added last y'r,		Total in Com.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Miss.		Com'g.		Theo.	
		On Ex.	On Cer.					D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
Thomas E. Hughes,...	Mount Pleasant, ....	6	6	291		30	30	133	55	4	47	266	50
James Satterfield,...	Hubbard and Moorfield, .....	2	5	181		14	14			2	71	20	50
William Woods,.....	Hopewell and Neshanock, .....	37	00	388	1	37	38	83	00	2	82	57	50
Clm'nt Valandingham	New Lisbon,.....	5	3	284	2	30	32	70	40	3	82	38	75
Joshua Beer, S. S.,...	Bethlehem and Bethesda, .....	3		49		4	4					1	00
James Wright,.....	Poland and Westfield, .....	18	8	285	1	23	24			5	00	40	00
William Reed,.....	Long's Run and New Salem, .....	5	8	301	1	19	20	62	00	3	00	30	37
William M'Lean,.....	Beavertown,.....	11	8	180	1	10	11			3	00	43	50
Robert Semple,.....	New Castle and Slippery Rock, .....	8	3	246		25	25	27	00	3	34	18	00
Nathan Harned, S. S.	Youngstown,.....	7	4	113	1	32	33	4	94	2	37	15	50
Robert Dilworth,....	Pleasant Valley, ....	4	11	42	1	3	4	16	53	70		14	00
Robt. Dilworth, S. S.	Yellow Creek,.....			45		11	11					49	50
Vacant. {	Ellsworth,.....			33		4	4						
	Deerfield,.....	3	3	64		8	8						
	Middle Sandy,.....	5	5	33	1	1	2						
		114	64	2535	9	251	260	397	62	31	23	581	12

Vacant congregations—Canfield, Boardman, Newton, Meander, Brookfield and Bethel.

The Presbytery, moreover, report, that on the 15th of November last, they dismissed the Rev. James Robertson, to join the Presbytery of Steubenville. That on the 9th of April last, they dismissed Mr. John M'Arthur, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Steubenville. And that on the 25th of June last, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. William Woods to the congregation of Hopewell.

ROBERT DILWORTH, *Stated Clerk.*

October 14th, 1829.

No. 5. PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON, PA. This Presbytery consists of 12 members, and has under its care 24 congregations, 8 Licentiates and 2 candidates, viz :

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.			
		Added last y'r.		Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Miss.	Comm's.	D.	C.
		On Ex.	On Car.								
George Scott,...	Mill Creek,.....	19	9	236	4	23	27	49	49	4	00
J. Anderson. D. D.,	Buffalo,.....	52	12	275	6		6	200	82	6	00
Eliaba Macurdy,.	Cross Roads,.....	83	8	465	23	30	53	257	52	4	00
Cephas Dodd,.	Lower Ten Mile,.....	14		94	4	9	13				
And. Wylie, D. D.,	President of Washington Col- lege and Stat. Supply Pigeon Creek,.....	16	4	163	1	14	15	64	91	4	00
James Harvey,...	Stated Supply at 2d Church Wheeling and p. Forks of Wheeling,.....										4 00
Cor. Longhran,.	Upper Ten Mile,.....										4 00
Saml. Reed,.	Three Springs and Flats,.....	19	5	250	2	33	35	125	73	4	00
John Stockton,...	Cross Creek,.....	189	7	348	28	75	103	304	15	5	44
Vacant Congre- gations.	Washington,.....	30	8	264	2	44	46				4 00
	West Liberty,.....										2 00
	Lower Buffalo,.....										
	Mount Prospect,.....										4 00
		422	43	2095	70	223	298	1104	23	45	44

William Wylie, S. S. 1st church Wheeling, Richard Brown, without a charge—John M'Clusky, p. Three Ridges.

Vacant congregations—Claysville, East Buffalo, Unity, Wolf Run, Rock Hill, Flats of Grave Creek.

Licentiates—John Hawkins, Richard Campbell, Abner Leonard, Henry Harvey, Wm. C. Anderson, David Harvey, James Anderson and James M'Kennan.

The Presbytery, moreover, report, that on the 13th of December 1827, they licensed Messrs. William C. Anderson and David Harvey to preach the gospel; and on the same day, installed the Rev. Cornelius Laughran pastor of the congregation of Upper Ten-mile. That on the 25th of March last, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Obadiah Jennings to the congregation of Washington, and at the same time dismissed him, to join the Presbytery of West Tennessee. That on the 24th of June, they received under their care Mr. John M'Cuskey, a licentiate, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia; and the 8th of October, ordained and installed him pastor of the congregation of Three Ridges; and on the same day, they licensed Messrs. James Anderson and James M'Kennan to preach the gospel, and dismissed Mr. Ebenezer Churchill, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Lancaster,

JOHN STOCKTON, *Stated Clerk*,

October, 1828,

No. 6. THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE. This Presbytery consists of 11 members, and has under its care 24 congregations and 1 licentiate, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	Added last year.	Total in Com.	Adults Rep.	Infants Rep.	Total.	MISSION FUND.		Com's Fund.	Edu. Fund.	
							For	Do.		d.	c.
Joseph Anderson.	St Clairsville & Sht. cr'k.						183	67			
James Robertson.	Centreville & Richmond.	48	207	34	21				2 00	1 00	
John Rhea.	Beech Spring.	16	324	1	20	21	56	86	1 16		
W. M'Millan S. S.	Morristown.	10	38	10	10	20	00	1 00			
Thomas Hunt.	Two Ridges.	5	112	7	8	81	25	6 00	2 00	9 57	
Jacob Cozad, S. S.	At Big Spring, New Ha-										
	gerstown & Feed Spring.	14	82	18	18			13 69			
Salmon Cowles.	Crab apple.	33	205	5	30	35	179	00	7 00	2 92	9 75
Charles C. Beatty.	Steubenville.	12	131	15	15	162	10	42 00	6 00	66 17	
William Wallace.	Nottingham & Freeport.	14	125	18	18			1 50	75	1 00	
John C. Tidball.	Island creek.	23	105	6	2	8	46	73	5 00	1 50	1 00
	The Ridge.	11	91	5	29	34		4 50			
	Bloomfield.	12	28	1		1					
	Centre.	6	42	3	5	8					
Statedly Sup-plied.	Fairview.	4	23	1	4	5					
	Rockhill.							8 94			
	Bethell.							1 94			
	Woodsfield.	3	21	1	13	14		2 50			
		211	1543	34	205	229	729	61	59	23	181
									17	89	49

Alexander Cook, without a charge.

The congregation of Cadiz statedly supplied.

Annapolis, vacant.

Licentiate—John M'Arthurs.

The Presbytery, moreover, report, that on the 19th of October, 1827, they received the Rev. Alex. Cook, from the Presbytery of Allegheny. On the 1st of January, 1828, they received the Rev. James Robertson, from the Presbytery of Hartford; and on the 1st of April installed him pastor of the congregation of Centreville, and on the 18th of June, of the congregation of Richmond. On the 2d of April they dissolved the pastoral connection between the Rev. Jacob Cozad and the congregation of Centre. On the 18th of June they dismissed the Rev. Donald M'Intosh, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Hudson; and the same day received under their care Mr. John M'Arthur, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Hartford.

CHARLES C. BEATTY, *Stated Clerk.*

Steubenville, Oct. 13 1828.

No. 7. THE PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY. This Presbytery consists of 10 members, and has under its care 25 congregations and 1 candidate, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUN'TS.		BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.							
		Add. l. y'r.	Tl. in Com	Adults	Infants	Total	Miss.							
							Com.	Edu.						
									D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
Abraham Boyd,...	Bull creek,.....	6	92	1	20	21				2	00			
R. McGarragh, S. S.,	East Concord,.....	9	70	4	13	17				1	69			
.....	.....													
Cyrus Riggs,.....	Scrubgrass, .....		69							2	00			
Reed Bracken,.....	Nebo and Middlesex,....	3	2	121	13	13	63	02	2	76	1	00		
John Redick,.....	Slate Lick and Union,....	4	2	130	1	13	14		4	26	3	00		
John Core,.....	New Rehob. th & Licking, 23	11	311	3	23	26	29	50	4	13				
John Munson,.....	Plain Grove and Centre,...	16	4	273	12	12	52	00	3	00				
John Coulter,.....	Butler, Concord and Mud-													
.....	dy creek,.....	21	2	233	2	28	30		4	52	1	00		
Statedly Supplied,...	Eight Tracts, .....	1	20	1	7	8			3	0				
		88	21	1525	12	129	141	144	52	30	41	5	00	

Hezekiah May, without a charge; John Moore, p. Pine Creek Cross Roads, Cranberry Plains and Deer Creek; Unity congregation, statedly supplied.

Vacant congregations—Richland, (39 members,) Rockland, Bethel, (107 members, \$2 to Com. Fund,) Red Bank, Zelienople, Shippensville.

The Presbytery, moreover, report, that on the 18th of October, 1827, they dismissed the Rev. Alexander Cook, to join the Presbytery of Steubenville; and on the 30th of September, 1828, they received the Rev. John Moore, from the Presbytery of Ohio,

REED BRACKEN, *Stated Clerk*,

October 11th, 1828.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, OCT. 17, 1828.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. William Smith, John C. Tidball and Robert Rutherford, appeared, and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

A sermon was delivered last evening, by the Rev. Elisha P. Swift, Moderator of the last year, from Phil. 1: 17.—“Knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.”

The committee of Bills and Overtures reported an overture, on the subject of instituting a Board of Education, which was read and committed to the Rev. Messrs. Jas. Graham, E. P. Swift, Wells Bushnell, Elisha Macurdy, Chs. C Beatty and Jas. Satterfield; with

the Elders, Messrs. Geo. Plummer, Benj. Williams, Jas. Macurdy and Thomas Henry, to report to-morrow morning.

The Rev. William T. Hamilton, an agent of the Presbyterian branch of the American Education Society, being present as a corresponding member, and having been invited, gave a statement of the plans and operations of that Society.

Mr. George Whitesell, a ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Allegheny, appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Messrs. Jacob J. Janeway, D. D. Samuel Ralston, D. D. and William Wylie; with the Elders, George Dawson and James Proudfit, were appointed a committee, to inquire into and report the condition, wants and circumstances of the Western Theological Seminary, and recommend such further ways and means as may be necessary to promote its interest.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Steubenville, reported. Their report was accepted and the records approved.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio, reported. Their report was accepted and the records approved, with an exception to the proceedings of Presbytery, in the ordination and installation of Mr. John Moore.

The Rev. George Scott and Mr. Joseph M'Cready, Elder, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. John Snodgrass a ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Ohio, appeared and took his seat. The Rev. John Stockton from the Presbytery of Washington, appeared and his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Redstone and Hartford, reported; their reports were accepted and the records approved.

The committee of Bills and Overtures, reported an overture, No. 2. respecting the '*Spectator*,' published by the Rev. John Andrews, which was read and committed to the Rev. Messrs. William Speer, Thomas Hoge and William Jeffery, to report before the rising of the Synod.

The committee of Bills and Overtures, respecting an Overture, No. 3. on the sanctification of the Sabbath: which was read and committed to the Rev. Messrs. William Wylie, John Munson and Samuel M'Ferran.

Synod proceeded to receive reports, on the state of religion. The reports were read, and committed to the Rev. John Andrews, to publish such parts of them as he may think proper. On motion.

Resolved, That this Synod will spend from 9 to 1 o'clock, on Monday, as a season of special prayer, and that John M'Millan,

D. D., and the Rev. Joseph Patterson, be a committee to direct the exercises on that occasion.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Oct., 18th, 1828.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Richard Brown, of the Presbytery of Washington, appeared, and his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

Mr. William, McClelland, a ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Hartford, appeared and took his seat.

The committee of Bills and Overtures, reported Overtures, No. 4. from the congregation of Franklin, requesting to be detached from the Presbytery of Allegheny, and to be united to the Presbytery of Erie.

On motion, Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, be granted, and the said congregation is hereby, detached from the Presbytery of Allegheny and attached to the Presbytery of Erie.

The committee of Bills and Overtures, reported, Overture, No. 5. on the subject of foreign and domestic missions, which was read and committed to Rev. Messrs. William M'Millan, Francis Herron, D. D., Robert Johnston, Absalom M'Cready, William Woods, John Stockton and John Coulter, to report as soon as practicable.

The committee on overture, No. 1 presented the following report, viz:

The committee, to which was referred the overture, No. 1, on the subject of organizing a Board of Education, beg leave, respectfully to report.

That they consider the adoption of systematic measures for the furtherance of the object contemplated in this overture, as deserving the attention of the judicatories of the church at all times. This is a subject, which it is believed, justly claims the immediate attention of this Synod, and a cause which should command the united and prayerful efforts of that part of the Lord's heritage over which it presides.

In several of our Presbyteries, and in a few of our congregations, not a little has in years past been done to aid in a species of charity which has ever been dear to our church, and been often the theme of the earnest expostulation, of its supreme judicatory; but still nothing in comparison to what is practicable, has been attempted. Now, since a Theological Seminary, has been erected, within our bounds, and when our colleges, in its vicinity, are growing in their respectability and usefulness, and when the moral influence of pious and promising young men is needed in, and may be of great benefit to them, and when the number of young men of suitable character, and great promise are rapidly increasing; it becomes a matter of deep interest and of great importance, to adopt, and vigorously



prosecute the most efficient measures to call forth the ability and charity of our churches in its behalf.

While we sincerely and affectionately tender to the 'American Education Society,' and particularly that branch of it which comprises many of the brethren of our own communion, our christian salutations, and the expression of our good wishes for their continued prosperity, and while we highly appreciate the zeal and liberality, which they have displayed, we regret it as a duty which we owe to the Presbyterian church, and a course which best comports with our local situation, and our prospects of usefulness, to prosecute the object contemplated, unconnected with any Society, except the Board of Education, of the General Assembly. Our operations are much more likely to be general, harmonious and efficient, if they are carried on by the Synod as an Ecclesiastical Judicatory, than in any other way, and the direct connexion of this body, with the General Assembly, affords facilities for transacting business, and receiving occasional assistance, far greater, than could be enjoyed in any other way, and while so many of the congregations of our own body and large districts of our own church are destitute of a Gospel Ministry; it seems to be our first and most sacred duty, to confine our resources and efforts, to the relief of our own church, trusting that similar exertions, and a similar determination may soon be found, to exist in all Evangelical churches in our land.

The more effectually to engage in this great and good work, and to carry it on with an energy and perseverance suited to its vast importance; your committee do unanimously recommend to Synod, the adoption of the following Resolutions, viz:

1. Resolved, That this Synod establish a Board of Education, to be known and distinguished by the name of the Board of Education of the Synod of Pittsburgh, Auxiliary to the Board of Education of the General Assembly.

2. That it be earnestly recommended to the ministers and congregations within our bounds, to form Associations, auxiliary to it, as extensively as possible.

3. Resolved, That \_\_\_\_\_ be, and they are hereby appointed a committee, carefully to prepare a constitution, and a system of regulations, for the government and direction of the said Board in all its operations, and report on such parts as it may be necessary to adopt before the close of the present sessions of Synod, and on others at the next stated meeting of Synod.

4. Resolved, That the Board shall be, and they hereby are empowered to employ any such agent or agents, as they may think proper, for the collection of funds, and the organizing of Auxiliary Associations, and to take such other measures as they may think proper, to promote the great objects of these Resolutions.

This report, having been adopted, Rev. Messrs. Elisha P. Swift, Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., Francis Herron, D. D., Samuel Ralston, D. D., and Allan D. Campbell, were appointed the committee named in the 3d Resolution.

The committee, on Overture, No. 2, reported, their report was accepted and laid on the table.

The Rev. Messrs. David Barclay and John H. Agnew ; with the Elders, George Plummer, James M'Curdy and David Hanna, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK, OCT. 20, 1828.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment,—members present as above. Constituted with prayer.

The forenoon of this day was observed as a season of special prayer, agreeably to the plan proposed by the committee of arrangements, a number of the members of the churches in this city attended, and the time from 9 till 1 o'clock, was spent together, in prayer, praise and reading the scriptures.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M., 1828.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above.

After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Matthew Brown, D. D., John Stockton and Salmon Cowles, were appointed a committee, to inquire whether any and if any, what measures should now be adopted by this Synod, to promote the interests of vital piety within its bounds.

The committee on missions, reported, their report was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee appointed on the subject of devising means for raising funds for the support of domestick and foreign missions, report to the Synod ; that in their opinion, the object is of great importance, to the interests of the christian cause in our country, and especially to that branch of the church which we represent. The means of moral and religious improvement and cultivation, are greatly behind the progress of other arts and improvements in our country, and fall far short of the demands of a rapidly increasing population. There are thousands scattered through our country, and South America, who have none to break to them the bread of life, and the consequence is, they are retrograding fast into entire indifference, concerning their spiritual interests, and approximating to heathenism. It deserves our gratitude, that the christian public in the present day, are awakened, to the perishing circumstances of the heathen in foreign lands ; yet it is a notorious fact, that there are thousands in our own land, in little, if any better circumstances, in regard to their spiritual interests, than the heathen of the forest, while thousands are swept off under the influence of "damnable heresies." Ignorance and the want of information, render people obnoxious, to the arts of imposition in every respect, but in none more so, than in that of religion. The most destructive heresies,

are ever ready to be engrafted upon the credulity of the ignorant and uninformed.

Your committee can not but express the conviction, that although considerable has been done within our bounds, in years past; yet our church has not attended to the cause of foreign and domestic missions, as much as the importance of the case demands; nor have those systematic and persevering efforts been used, which are calculated to insure success. Many other denominations of Christians, outstrip us in this respect, and leave the Presbyterian cause, to encounter, all the difficulties of super-induced prejudice and opposition; whereas, if suitable Missionaries were sent out in due season, to plant the standard of the cross, and correct principles, and organize churches in destitute regions of our country, and water these infant Societies, as opportunity and means would afford, in a short time they would grow up into independent churches, capable of supporting the Gospel themselves. Many such instances are within our particular knowledge; some of which, with a small missionary aid, could now support the Gospel, and in the course of a year or eighteen months, support it independently, while hundreds of others, would grow up under such fostering care, but being neglected, will be swallowed up by other denominations, or fall a prey to the most destructive errors.

As we believe, that the promotion of the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, is more especially committed to the church, and the direction of her Judicatories: as "my kingdom" (says the Redeemer) "is not of this world," and as this Synod have learned with great satisfaction, the renewed efforts of the 'Board of Missions' of the General Assembly; that said Board are now engaged in the direction of both foreign and domestic missions, the importance of affording it efficient aid, as far as the General Assembly is concerned, is judged paramount to all other missionary claims; Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That it be, and it is hereby, earnestly recommended, to all the members of this Synod, to give all encouragement and aid to the operations of said Board in raising funds for that purpose.

Resolved, 2d. That Synod recommend it to the several Missionary Societies, in the congregations under their care, to put their funds into the hands of said Board of Missions of the General Assembly; and not only so, but that increased exertions be made for the foregoing benevolent purpose; and the Synod would hope that the contributions of the several congregations may amount to so much, as to average at least fifty cents to every communicant in each congregation, as the Board have said that with such an annual sum at their command, they could extend their missionary efforts widely for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

On motion, it was further Resolved, 1st. That in the opinion of this Synod, it is expedient, that the Board of Trust of the Western Missionary Society continue their operations, as a domestic Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, and that all funds collected for home missions, be en-

trusted to the said Board of Trust, with the distinct understanding that if any surplus monies, do at any time accumulate in their Treasury, the same be transferred to the Board of Missions of the General Assembly.

Resolved, 2. That contributions made within our bounds, for foreign missions, under the direction of this Synod, or its agents, be transmitted to the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, and that this Synod, be considered so far as the collection and transmission of funds, for this object be concerned, as a Foreign Missionary Society, auxiliary to that Board.

The committee on the Western Theological Seminary, reported. The report was adopted and is as follows, viz:

The committee appointed to inquire into the wants and circumstances of the Theological Seminary, located within the bounds of this Synod, deeply impressed with the conviction, that the prosperity of the Theological Seminary located in this place, is very intimately connected, with the dignity, purity and extent of the Presbyterian church, especially in the bounds of our extensive Western country; and anticipating the vast and healthful influence, its successful operation must and certainly will exert upon the literature, intelligence, morals, liberties and evangelical piety, and in short upon the present and eternal destinies of countless millions of the west, and fully aware, that in order to invest this sacred institution with the dignity and the efficiency so ardently desired, great exertions must be made, and especially in the commencement of its operations, to engage in its behalf, the resources of all our churches, and of that portion of our country connected with it by location,—beg leave to present to Synod the following Resolution, viz:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, to appoint one or more agents, who shall visit the congregations generally, within the bounds of this Synod, to take up subscriptions, and form associations, to aid the funds of said Seminary, and that it be recommended to pastors of those several congregations, to give all proper aid and encouragement to the agents in the prosecution of this business, and also, that it be recommended to said Board, to appoint one or more agents, who shall solicit contributions, for the above Seminary, without the bounds of this Synod, and further, that the Board be authorized to make out supplies for the pulpits of those agents, during their necessary attention to this business.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., and Andrew O. Patterson, were appointed a committee on the subject of appointing Treasurers, in Presbyteries and congregations, for the collection of funds for the Western Theological Seminary. This committee reported, the following Resolutions, which were adopted: viz:

1. Resolved, That one person be appointed in each congregation as Treasurer, to receive the monies collected in said congregation for the Western Theological Seminary, and it shall be the duty of

such Treasurer, as far as practicable, to have the subscriptions, for the Seminary increased, and take measures to have the monies collected, as the instalments become due, and transmit the same to Mr. Michael Allen, Treasurer of the Board, in Pittsburgh.

2. Resolved, That one member in each Presbytery, be appointed to take the oversight of this business ; to give advice or directions, to the Treasurers in the respective congregation, as the case may require, and endeavor to have the accounts annually brought forward, that each Presbytery and congregation may have the credit of the monies paid.

3. Resolved, That the Presbyteries be, and they hereby are instructed, to give all the assistance in their power to the agents, that may be appointed by the Board.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Andrew O. Patterson of Redstone ; Dr. Brown, of Ohio ; John Stockton, of Washington ; Thomas Hunt, of Steubenville, Thomas E. Hughes, of Hartford ; Wells Bushnell, of Erie, and John Coulter, of Allegheny, be appointed for the purposes specified in the second Resolution of this report.

The committee on the sanctification of the Sabbath, reported,—the report was adopted, and is as follows, viz :

The committee appointed, in pursuance of an Overture, respecting the sanctification of the Sabbath, report, that regarding the institution of the christian Sabbath, as one of the richest blessings bestowed upon us by the author of our mercies, an institution connected with the public and general observance of which, are the preservation of morals, the welfare of civil society and the prosperity of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and at the same time painfully convinced by transactions of the most public and fearful notoriety, that the Sabbath is grossly violated, by many of the people of our favoured country, by carrying the mail,—transporting merchandize, travelling in Stages and Steamboats, and in many other ways, much to the grief of the pious, and tending to produce a general disregard of the duties of the Sabbath, and by profaning its sacred house in amusements or in ordinary business of life, resist and greatly diminish the influence of the ministrations of the Gospel, and tending to deluge our country with vice and immorality.

1. Resolved, That this Synod highly approve of the plan of a general union, for promoting the observance of the christian Sabbath, and do most cheerfully concur with the General Assembly of our church, in earnestly recommending the formation of auxiliaries, throughout our congregations, and enjoin upon their Presbyteries and churches, the duty of enforcing the discipline of our church, in every case of the violation of the Sabbath.

2. Resolved, That it be recommended to every minister of the Synod, to bring this subject fully before his charge and preach a sermon on the subject the of sanctification of the Sabbath, and also, that in the observance of the fourth Thursday of Jan. next, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, appointed by the General Assembly, in relation to the subject of intemperance, with which this Synod most

cheerfully concur, the sin of Sabbath breaking be particularly confessed and deplored, in connection with the lamentable prevalence of intemperance in our land.

On motion, Resolved, That for all the purposes of Presbyterial jurisdiction, the line which separates Presbyteries, shall be that, which secures the integrity of the congregations belonging to adjoining Presbyteries.

The Rev. Absalom M'Cready, with Messrs. Stephen Tod and Thomas Henry, Elders, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY, Oct., 21st, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

On motion, Resolved, 1st. That this Synod highly approve of the efforts of the "American Sunday School Union," to extend the benefits of early and religious instruction on the Lord's day, and that they recommend it to the Patronage of their several congregations.

2d. Resolved, That they recommend their members to preach at least one sermon, endeavoring to interest their congregations in behalf of Sabbath schools.

The Presbytery of Allegheny, requested the Synod to designate the eastern bounds of the said Presbytery. After some discussion and enquiry, respecting this request, on motion,

Resolved, That this Synod, request the next General Assembly, to define the division line, between this Synod and the Synods of Philadelphia and Genessee.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the state of religion in our bounds, and to inquire what special means may be recommended to promote a revival, report the following positions and resolutions:

That we are encouraged to expect the blessing of God on the churches, only in the diligent and persevering use of such means as are warranted by the sacred Scriptures. That although it is God only who can command success, and on his promise and power alone, and not on means, that we must rely; nevertheless, there is abundant encouragement, that God will give his blessing and revive his work, when ministers and people shall be found earnestly engaged in the use of *all* the means of his appointment. That we must not separate what God has joined together. That we need not expect the divine blessing on any of his appointments, while we allowedly neglect others. That the preaching of the word, prayer, and the ordinances of the sanctuary, must be accompanied with correspondent action and effort, in all relative duties. That when sins prevail, unrepented of and unopposed, especially when they pollute the church of God, their oblation and prayer and incense will be an

abomination to him. That to remove every ground of controversy with his people, they must repent and reform; "put away the evil of their doings, cease to do evil and learn to do well." That if ministers would expect to be instrumental in promoting revivals of religion, there must first be a revival in their own souls; they must be full of the Holy Ghost and of faith, if they expect much people to be added to the church. Therefore, Resolved—

1st. That it be recommended to every minister of the gospel, to seek with all earnestness a revival of religion in his own soul; and for this purpose, to set apart a special season for self-examination, humiliation and prayer; to inquire into the state of his own soul; to ascertain every ground of controversy; to confess before God official and personal sins; and, with renewed fervency and faith in the blood of atonement, to implore forgiveness of sin, and abundant influences of the Holy Spirit.

2d. That every minister be urged to examine, with more special attention, the condition of his charge; the evils that ought to be remedied, the wants that are to be supplied; and, in view of the surrounding desolation, endeavor to comply with the exhortation of the Prophet Joel—"Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar; and let them say, spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach."

3d. Inasmuch as the prevalence of any sin must prove a ground of controversy with a people, and as there is reason to fear, that the sanctuary has been polluted and God greatly offended, by prevailing vices, especially intemperance, resolved, that ministers and people are specially called to bear a more decided testimony against this and other vices; to reform themselves, and to unite in setting an example of total abstinence.

4th. To enforce the foregoing resolution, as an indispensable means of averting the judgments of God, and procuring a revival of religion, the 1st chapter of Isaiah—particularly from the 11th to the 28th verse—is recommended to the prayerful consideration of every minister and congregation.

5th. As God is calling us, at the present period, to active exertions, in promoting various institutions, which have for their object the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom; and as a co-operation in such institutions is calculated to call into action the benevolent affections—to wake up attention the interests of the church—to expand the soul with enlarged views—to bring into action all the graces of the *spirit*, and thereby directly to revive religion; and as it has been observed, that God has more especially favored with the influences of his spirit, those congregations that have been most active and liberal in these respects, while others have been left to wither, under the blighting influence of a cold formality; therefore, resolved, that it be earnestly recommended to every minister of the gospel, to call up the attention of his people to these concerns; to lay before them the various claims of charity and benevolence, that they may no longer rob God in tithes and offerings, but bring all the tithes

into the store-house, and prove him herewith if he will not open the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

6th. Resolved, That it be recommended to this Synod to go, two and two, according to the direction of our Savior, and visit the congregations in their vicinity, and by preaching, praying, exhortation and and personal conversation, to call on christians to humble themselves, in view of their backsliding, and to return to their forsaken God; and to endeavor to excite them to duty in the cause of Christ, and especially to united and fervent prayer to the great Head of the church, for the outpouring of the divine Spirit; and also, to warn sinners of their danger, and entreat them to be reconciled to God.

7th. Resolved, That it be recommended to Presbyteries, to take these subjects into consideration, and to endeavor to secure the objects contemplated by the Synod.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie, reported. the report was received and the records approved, except pages 129 and 134, concerning which the following resolutions were adopted, viz:

That by inspecting the said records, it does not appear, on page 129, that they had complied with the constitutional rules in licensing a candidate; but as the Synod were assured by members of the Presbytery, that they had observed all the constitutional rules, the Synod resolved, that it be enjoined on this Presbytery, as well as other Presbyteries, to be careful, not only to act agreeably to constitutional rules, but to record their minutes so fully, that it shall appear from the reading of them, that the said rules have been carefully observed; and that they be careful in stating, that the constitutional questions were answered in the affirmative by the candidate, and in transcribing their minutes, the form of licensure prescribed by the constitution.

On page 134, it does not appear that the Presbytery, in taking a young man under their care, made any inquiries in regard to his moral character, or whether he were a regular member of a "particular church;" or that they required him to produce "authentic testimonials of having gone through a regular course of learning;" but inasmuch as Synod were assured by members of the Presbytery that the constitutional rules had been complied with, they enjoin it on the Presbytery, that they be in future careful in making their minutes so correct and full, that from the reading of them it shall appear that all things were done regularly and constitutionally.

Ordered that the above minute be transcribed on the Presbytery Book.

The report of the committee on overture No. 2, was taken up, and with some additional proposals, committed to the Rev. Thomas D. Baird, Thomas Hoge and Matthew Brown, D. D. This committee presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

"The committee to whom was referred the overture No. 2, in



relation to the Spectator, with the accompanying documents, report, that the editor of the Spectator having entered into an arrangement with Mr. Samuel C. Jennings, a licentiate, under the care of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, by which Mr. Jennings is henceforth to become the editor of that paper, providing he shall be sustained by the countenance and patronage of the members of this Synod; and is desirous of obtaining the views of Synod on the subject; your committee are of opinion, that the facilities afforded for such a publication in this city, the moral influence which the press, well conducted, will necessarily exert in favor of piety and religion, the frequent advantages which such a medium of communication is calculated to afford to our church judicatories and ecclesiastical institutions, are reasons which impressively urge the expediency of giving all due encouragement to the publication and circulation of such a journal. Your committee, therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

“Resolved, That while this Synod assume no direct responsibility in relation to the above paper, they will nevertheless give all the encouragement and support that it may be proper to afford Mr. Jennings; or any other editor of our denomination, who may issue such a periodical, on evangelical principles and reasonable terms.”

Resolved; That the Rev. Messrs. Swift and Hoge be a committee to prepare an address to the public, on the importance of sustaining and extending the influence of said publication.

Adjourned to meet, at three o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock; P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Synod proceeded to the election of a Board of Education. The Rev. Messrs. Elisha P. Swift, Jacob J. Janeway, D. D. Francis Herron, D. D. Joseph Stockton, John Munson, Chas. C. Beatty, Allan D. Campbell, Andrew O. Patterson, Elisha Macurdy, Wm. M'Millan, Samuel Tait and William M'Clean; with the Elders, Messrs. Thomas Henry, George Plummer, John Hannen, William Hartupee, David Hoge, John Duncan, James Macurdy, Judah Colt and Samuel Thompson, were elected a Board of Education; to meet in this place to-morrow morning, at 8½ o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

An appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Hartford, in the case of Robert M'Conaughy, was presented to Synod, through the Judicial committee.

Synod proceeded to take up and consider said appeal. The appeal and reasons for appealing, and all the proceedings of the inferior judicatory in the case, including the testimony and reasons of their decision, being read; also, having heard the original parties and members of the inferior judicatory, and the roll having been called, and opportunity afforded for the members of the Synod

to express their opinions, on motion, resolved, that the sentence of the Presbytery be, and the same hereby is affirmed.

The committee appointed on the subject of intemperance, reported. Their report was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee to whom was referred the recommendation of the General Assembly, on the subject of intemperance, beg leave to present the following report, viz:

Of all the threatening evils of the present day, there is probably none which calls more loudly for the special attention and zealous co-operation of the friends of religion and humanity, in opposing its desolating influence, than the intemperate use of ardent spirits. Your committee regard it as a growing evil and insidious enemy, extending its ravages with fearful rapidity through almost all ranks of society, and scattering destruction and misery in its way. It is one which is not confined to the open enemies of God and their own eternal welfare, who rank among the votaries of dissipation, or "who rise up early to mingle strong drink, until wine inflame them;" but one which not unfrequently exerts its deleterious influence over those who are the professed friends of the Savior, and with fearful uniformity, effects the destruction of both the bodies and souls of those who are brought under its control.

Your committee are of opinion, and this opinion is founded upon the result of general observation, and the decided testimony of numerous and highly respectable medical associations, that even the temperate use of ardent spirits is injurious to the welfare of men, and calculated to encourage intemperance. They believe, moreover, that while the temperate or moderate use of intoxicating liquor is indulged or countenanced, no barriers can be presented that will resist this torrent of iniquity, that threatens to inundate our land; no efficient means can be found, either in precept or compulsory law, that will remedy the evil of which we speak. The only remedy that promises efficiency, in the opinion of your committee, is entire abstinence, except for purposes entirely medicinal.

Your committee notice, with much pleasure, the existence of a society in the city of Boston, denominated "The American Society for the promotion of Temperance," the object of which society the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church have highly approved, and recommended to the attention and co-operation of the inferior judicatories, and churches under their care, therefore beg leave to present the following resolutions, viz:

1. Resolved, That this Synod do cordially approve of the object of the above-mentioned society, believing it originated in pious and humane motives, and is well calculated to remedy the evils of intemperance.

2. Resolved, That as members of this Synod, and as the friends of God and man, we will endeavor, both by precept and example, to check the progress of this evil. For this purpose we will abstain from the use of ardent spirits ourselves, and we will forbid the use of them in our families, except for medicinal purposes. And more-

over, we will, in all suitable ways, discourage them in the families and among the people of our respective charges, as well as in the community generally.

3. Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the members of this Synod, to give special attention to this subject, by bringing it before the people of their respective charges; by forming associations, and adopting such other measures as may tend, with the blessing of Almighty God, to remedy the destructive evils of intemperance.

3. Resolved, That it be earnestly and affectionately recommended to people connected with the congregations, within the bounds of this Synod, to co-operate with us in our endeavors to put a stop to the alarming progress of the common enemy of God and man.

The Board of Trust, of the Western Missionary Society, made their annual report, which was read and approved.

Resolved, that the rule for the election of the Board of Trust by ballot, be dispensed with; and that the Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, D. D. Jacob J. Janeway, D. D. Elisha P. Swift, Elisha Macurdy, John Andrews and Joseph Stockton; with the Elders, Messrs. Samuel Thompson, John Hannen and Robert Witherow, be appointed a Board of Trust for the ensuing year; to meet to-morrow, at 3 o'clock, P. M. and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Whereas, the General Assembly of our church, at their sessions in May, A. D. 1827, in a circular letter to the Association of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont, did declare that the right of voting in the General Assembly cannot, it is believed, be constitutionally granted to any but to the commissioners appointed by the several Presbyteries, whose representatives compose that Assembly; and whereas, notwithstanding this decision, the delegates from the said Associations to the General Assembly, are still allowed to exercise the right of voting; and the validity of the acts of the General Assembly may be affected by the said irregularity; therefore—

Resolved, That the next General Assembly be earnestly requested to take such measures, as in their wisdom may seem necessary and practicable, to procure a discontinuance of the irregularity above mentioned.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Elisha P. Swift and Joseph Stockton be a committee, to select such parts of the minutes as it may be proper to publish.

Adjourned to meet in the 2d church in this city, on the third Thursday of October, A. D. 1829, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer, and singing the Apostolical benediction.

In General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, May 26th, A. D. 1829, thus far examined and approved.

B. H. RICE, *Moderator*.

PITTSBURGH, THURSDAY, October 15th, A. D. 1829.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator of the last year.

The following members were present, viz :

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. Robert Johnston, James Graham, William Johnston, George Vennemon, Ashbel G. Fairchild, Andrew O. Patterson, Thomas Davis, Joseph Harper, John H. Agnew and Samuel M'Ferran; with the Elders, Messrs. Robert Baird, James Caldwell, David Vecch, Kennedy Duncan, James Power and Robert Bailey.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., Joseph Patterson, John Andrews, Boyd Mercer, Samuel Ralston, D. D. William Woods, Francis Herron, D. D. Matthew Brown, D. D. Joseph Stockton, Robert Patterson, Moses Allen, Thomas Hoge, Thos. D. Baird, Elisha P. Swift, William Jeffery, and Samuel C. Jennings; with the Elders, Messrs. William Grossman, Benjamin Williams, John Hannen, William D. Hawkins, Wm. Hartuppee, John Nesbet, Arthur Morrow and Jacob Slagle.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Tait, David M'Kinney, Absalom M'Cready, Thomas Anderson, James Alexander and George Lyon; with the Elder, Mr. Andrew Bowman.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford,—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, Clement Valandingham, James Wright, William M'Clean, Robert Dilworth, William M. Stratton and William Nesbit; with the Elders, Messrs. Robert Leonard and Samuel Bryson.

Of the Presbytery of Washington,—The Rev. Messrs. George Scott, John Anderson, D. D., Elisha Macurdy, Samuel Reed and John M'Cluskey; with the Elders, Messrs. John Duncan and Geo. Newell.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville,—The Rev. Messrs. John Rhea, Joseph Anderson, Charles C. Beatty and John M'Arthur.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny,—The Rev. Messrs. Robert M'Garrah, Cyrus Riggs, Reed Bracken, John Reddick, John Core, John Munson, John Coulter and John Moore; with the Elders, Messrs. Alex. Guthrie, Benjamin Gardiner and Robert Graham.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. James Power, D. D. Joseph W. Henderson, Francis Laird, James Guthrie, John Reed, Asa Brooks, Jesse Smith, Samuel Swan, Nathiel R. Snowden, David Barclay, Alexander M'Candless, John H. Kirkpatrick and Elisha D. Barrett.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. Messrs. Andrew M'Donald, Allan D. Campbell, William Smith, Robert Rutherford and David Stevens.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. Amos Chase, Timothy Alden, Ira Condit, Johnston Eaton, Bradford Marcy, Wells Bushnell, Pearce Chamberlin, Giles Doolittle, Peter Hasinger and David Smith.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford,—The Rev. Messrs. Wm. Woods, James Satterfield, Robert Sample, Joshua Beer, William Reed and Nathan Harned.

Of the Presbytery of Washington,—The Rev. Messrs. William Wylie, Cephas Dodd, James Hervey, Cornelius Laughran, John Stockton and David Hervey.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville,—The Rev. Messrs. James Robertson, William M'Millan, Abraham Scott, Thos. Hunt, Jacob Cozad, Salmon Cowles, William Wallace and John C. Tidball.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny,—The Rev. Messrs. Abraham Boyd and Hezekiah May.

The Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk. The Rev. James Graham was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Thos. Hoge, Clerk.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

#### THURSDAY 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

The following members assigned reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod, viz: The Rev. Messrs. Ashbel G. Fairchild, Thomas Davis, Boyd Mercer, Samuel Tait, David M'Kinney, Clement Valandingham, John Anderson, D. D. Joseph Anderson, John Rhea, Robert M'Garrah, Cyrus Riggs and John Reddick.

The Rev. Messrs. Francis Laird, William Smith, William M'Millan, James Hervey, David Hervey and Wells Bushnell, appeared, and their reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. Thos. D. Baird, Andrew O. Patterson, Samuel Tait, James Wright, John M'Cluskey, John Rhea and Cyrus Riggs; with the Elders, Messrs. Benjamin Williams, James Caldwell and John Duncan, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures; to meet to-morrow morning, at 8½ o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. Robert Johnston, Moses Allen and Charles C. Beatty; with the Elders, Messrs. William Hartupce and David Veach, were appointed a Judicial committee; to meet in this place, to-morrow morning, at 8½ o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The following committees were appointed to examine the Presbyterial records, viz: to examine the records the of Presbytery of Redstone, the Rev. Messrs. Samuel Ralston and Robert Dilworth; Of the Presbytery of Ohio, the Rev. Messrs. Francis Laird and John Munson; Of the Presbytery of Erie, the Rev. Messrs. George Vennemon and John Core; Of the Presbytery of Hartford, the

Rev. Messrs. A. G. Fairchild and Reed Bracken; Of the Presbytery of Washington, the Rev. Messrs. William Woods and William Jeffery; Of the Presbytery of Steubenville, the Rev. Messrs. C. Valandingham and William Nesbit; Of the Presbytery of Allegheny, the Rev. Messrs. James Hervey and Wells Bushnell.

On motion, Resolved, That Saturday next be spent in special prayer to Almighty God, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. That in the forenoon, the Synod will meet together for the foregoing purpose; and in the afternoon, they will unite with the two churches in this city, in the same duty.

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Herron and Swift be a committee to make arrangements, to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect.

The members were called on, to report what they had done in relation to the recommendation of the Synod, on the subjects of the Colonization Society, Sabbath Schools, the crime of intemperance, and the sanctification of the Sabbath; and having made some progress therein, Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK, Oct. 17, 1829.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

A sermon was delivered, last evening, by the Rev. James Wright, Moderator of the last year, from Matt. 6: 10.—“Thy kingdom come.”

The Rev. Messrs. John Reed, Jesse Smith, Nathaniel R. Snowden, John H. Kirkpatrick, Alexander M'Candless, Samuel Swan, Abraham Boyd and Elisha D. Barrett, now appeared and took their seats; their reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

Synod resumed the unfinished business of the last evening, in reference to the recommendation of last year, on the subjects of the Colonization Society, Sabbath Schools, the crime of intemperance, and the sanctification of the Sabbath. It appeared that the members generally had attended to the recommendation; and their reports in relation to the foregoing subjects, and especially as to advancement of the cause of temperance, were of a very favorable nature.

On motion, Resolved, That it be the order of the day, for next Monday afternoon, to receive the Presbyterial reports, and that all the Presbyteries be prepared to present their reports at that time.

The Rev. John Reddick obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The Rev. Robert Baird, an agent of the Sunday School Union, addressed the Synod, in considerable detail, on the subject of his agency, and particularly in relation to their printing establishment; the books printed by them; the improvements recently introduced in the conducting of Sunday Schools; and the funds of the Society.

On motion, Resolved, That this subject be referred to the Rev. Messrs. William M'Millan, Ashbel G. Fairchild and Samuel M'Ferran, to report thereon this afternoon.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Elisha P. Swift, Elisha Macurdy, Andrew O. Patterson Samuel Tait and William M'Millan, be a committee to inquire into the expediency of consolidating the "Western Missionary Society" with the "Board of Missions of the General Assembly;" and in the event of such a union, to inquire what disposition should be made of the permanent funds of this Society; and also, to inquire whether anything further should be done by this Synod, to facilitate the operations of the "Board of Missions of the General Assembly;" and that this committee report on Monday afternoon.

On motion, Resolved, That the second order of the day, for Monday afternoon, be to receive the report of the Board of Trust, of the Western Missionary Society; as well as the transaction of official business generally.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M. Oct. 16, 1829.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The Judicial committee reported a complaint of the Rev. Francis Laird, against a decision of the Presbytery of Redstone, reversing the judgment of the Session of Poke Run congregation, by which Duncan Hamilton and Agnes, his wife, were suspended from the privileges of the church.

On motion, Resolved, That Synod proceed to the consideration of the foregoing complaint.

The sentence complained of, the reasons of the complainant for his complaint, the whole record of the inferior judicatory in the case, including all the testimony and reasons of their decision, were read; and the original parties and members of the inferior judicatory, in explanation of the grounds of their decision, having been heard; the roll was called, and every member having had an opportunity to express his opinion in the case, the final vote was then taken, and the sentence of the Presbytery was reversed; for the following reasons, viz: Because there was strong presumptive evidence, that the accused were guilty of the sin wherewith they were charged and convicted by the Session.

The following appeal from the above decision of Synod, was presented by the Rev. James Graham, agent of Duncan Hamilton, viz:

I appeal from the decision of Synod, in the case of Duncan Hamilton, for the reasons assigned when he appealed from the Session of Poke Run.

JAMES GRAHAM, *Agent.*

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, to attend to the special duties of the day. Concluded with prayer.

## SATURDAY, MORNING, 9 o'clock, Oct. 17, 1829.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Synod then engaged in those religious exercises which, according resolution, had been made the order of the day for this forenoon.

After spending some time in prayer, praise, reading the Scripture and exhortation, Synod adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

## MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Oct. 19th, 1829.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The members of the Synod spent the afternoon of Saturday, in connexion with the two congregations of this city, in religious exercises, agreeably to a preceding resolution.

The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Anderson and Nathaniel R. Snowden having left the sessions of Synod without leave, and information having been received, that sickness in their families was the cause of their departure—

On motion, Resolved, That these members be excused, but that Synod, in future, will discountenance such a proceeding on the part of its members,

The Rev. John Stockton now appeared, and his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The committee of Bills and Overtures, reported Overture No. 1, viz: "An application from the Session of the congregation of East Liberty to be detached from the Presbytery of Redstone, and attached to the Presbytery of Ohio."

On motion, Resolved, that the request be, and it hereby is granted.

The same committee reported Overture No. 2, viz. "What is the duty of church Sessions, in relation to persons who fall repeatedly into the sin of intoxication?"

On motion, Resolved, That this Overture be laid on the table.

Overture No. 4 was reported, viz: "Is it consistent with the word of God, and the constitution of the Presbyterian church, to admit a man and his wife to the communion of the church, when they have separated from each other, on account of personal difficulties?"

On motion, Resolved, That the foregoing Overture be answered in the negative.

The Rev. Messrs. George Scott, Abraham Boyd and Ashbel G. Fairchild obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Overture No. 4 was reported, viz: "Is the consecration of the elements necessary to the Scriptural administration of the Lord's Supper?" "Is the consecration of the water necessary to the Scriptural administration of Baptism?"



The Rev. Thomas Hunt now appeared and took his seat. His reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford, reported. The report was accepted and the records approved.

Synod proceeded to the consideration of Overture No. 4.

On motion, Resolved, That the questions contained in this Overture, are sufficiently answered in the Confession of Faith and Directory for the worship of God.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Steubenville, reported. The report was accepted and the records approved.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Washington, reported. The report was accepted and the records approved.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Ohio and Redstone, reported. The reports were accepted, and the records respectively approved.

The Judicial committee reported, by Dr. John Mitcheltree, an appeal from a decision of the Presbytery of Hartford. Ordered, that it be laid on the table.

The Treasurer of the Board of Trust of the Western Missionary Society, reported.

On motion, Resolved, That the report be accepted, and that the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Davis and Thomas Hunt be a committee to audit his account.

Presbyterial reports were called for; on which the Presbyteries reported. Their reports were accepted, and are as follows, viz:

No. 1 THE PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE. This Presbytery consists of 23 members, and has under its care 42 congregations, 2 Licentiates and 1 Candidate.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS			BAPTISMS			FUNDS.							
		Added last y'r.		Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.		Commis'rs.		Theo Sem'y.		Education.	
		On Ex.	On Cor.					D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
Francis Laird,.....	Plumb Cr'k and Poke Run,.....	30	5	369	9	36	45	59	51	6	25			2	00
Robert Johnston,...	Rehoboth and Round Hill,.....	8	7	235	24	24		91	03	5	64	121	00	27	75
James Graham,.....	Beulah,.....							77	84	5	00				
James Guthrie,.....	Laurel Hill & Tyrone,.....	9	2	220	1	13	14	69	85	5	00			2	00
William Johnston,...	Brownsville and Dunlap's Creek,.....	13		209	2	18	20	109	00	7	00	42	52	4	62
Jesse Smith,.....	Ebenezer and Bethel,.....	28	4	415	2	40	42	55	00	2	00			4	00
A. O. Patterson,...	Mount Pleasant and Sewickly,.....	13	7	298	2	33	35	105	94			93	00		
Thomas Davis,.....	Salem & West Union,.....	21	11	324	1	29	30	88	76	7	00	37	75	9	50
Samuel Swan,.....	Fairfield, Ligonier, & Donegal,.....	16	4	383	3	57	60	38	17	4	50	49	0	2	00
Alex. M'Candless,...	Long Run & M'Keesport,.....	8	4	205	1	21	22	78	87	4	00	56	00	7	95
Jno. H. Kirkpatrick,	Harmony & Armagh,.....	36	5	97	9	53	62			4	00				
Samuel M'Ferran,...	Congruity,.....	46	4	297	2	17	19	98	16	4	00	27	00	19	10
J. H. Agnew,.....	Uniontown,.....	6	2	77	3	7	10	91	07	3	00			40	00
Elisha D. Barrett,...	Lower Plumb Creek and Glade Run,...			209		17	17								
Vacant. {	Saltsburgh & Warren,.....	6	3	157	3	36	39	141	00	4				2	
	Kittanning,.....	1		47	1	8	9	5	00						
	East Liberty,.....	41		71	2	15	17								

Without a pastoral charge—James Power, D. D. Jos. W. Henderson and Joseph Harper.

David Barclay, p. Jefferson; Ashbel G. Fairchild, p. George's Creek and Union; Jno. Reed, p. Indiana and Gilgal; Asa Brooks, p. French Creek; George Vanemon, p. Jefferson and New Providence.

The following charges are vacant—Greensburgh and Unity, Morgantown and Middletown, Somerset and Genner.

Licentiates—Robert Henry and Matthew Dunlop.

Candidate—Adam Torrance.

The Presbytery further report, that on the 9th of December last, they ordained the Rev. Elisha D. Barrett, and installed him pastor of the congregations of Lower Plumb Creek and Glade Run; that on the 8th of April, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Joseph Harper and the congregation of Saltsburgh, and on the same day dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. Speer and the congregations of Greensburgh and Unity; and on the 26th of April, the Rev. Wm. Speer was removed by death; that on the 6th of October inst. they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Joseph Harper and the congregation of Warren; and on the same day received under their care the Rev. Robert Henry, a licentiate from the 2d Presbytery of New York.

ROBT. JOHNSTON *Stated Clerk.*

No. 2. THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO. This Presbytery consists of 20 Ministers and have under their care 22 Congregations, 5 Licentiates, and 4 candidates.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.					
		Added last y'r.	On Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.	Commis's'ns.	Theo. S'y.	C.	D.	C.
John M. Millan, D. D.	Chartiers, .....	12	6	304	4	20	24	107	00	5	00	350	00
John Andrews, S. S.	Duff's and Sewickly, .....	10	8	115	3	23	26			5	00		
Samuel Ralston, D. D.	Mingo Creek & Williams- port, .....			185									
William Woods, .....	Bethel, .....	8		479	11	11			2	50		96	
Francis Herron, D. D.	1st Church, Pittsburgh, .....	13	17	330	5	27	32	224	00	20	00		
Jos. Stockton, S. S., .....	Pine Creek and Alleghe- nytown, .....	10		108	6	18	24			5	00		
Robt. Patterson, S. S., .....	Highlands, .....	6		164	19	19				5	00	80	00
Moses Ailen, .....	Raccoon, .....	25	12	294	1	58	59	50	00	5	00	85	00
Thomas D. Baird, .....	Lebanon, .....	4	7	146	2	10	12	10	00			30	
Elisha P. Swift, .....	2d Church, Pittsburgh, .....	7	25	295	1	24	25			7	37		
William Jeffery, .....	Bethany, .....	7	8	187	18	18		87	62	5	60	271	50
William Smith, S. S., .....	Miller's Run, .....			85				45	87	1	41	18	50
Saml. C. Jennings, .....	Sharon, .....												

Duff's and Sewickly \$1 50, and Mingo Creek and Williamsport \$24 to Education Fund.

Without a Pastoral charge—Joseph Patterson, Boyd Mercer, Andrew M'Donald, Allan D. Campbell, Robert Rutherford, David Stevens and Matthew Brown, D. D. President of Jefferson College.

Congregations without a pastor—Centre, Hopewell, Bentleyville, Montours, White-oak Flats, Pigeon Creek, and Welsh Church, Pittsburgh.

Licentiates—James D. Ray, Alfred Hamilton. Jacob Coon, Thos. Beer and William B. M'Ilvaine.

The Presbytery further report, that on the 4th of Nov. 1828, they received under their care Mr. David Stevens, a licentiate of the Monmouthshire Association of Whitfieldian Methodists, in the Principality of Wales, and on the 7th day of Nov. ordained and installed him pastor of the Welsh congregation, in the vicinity of the city of Pittsburgh. That on the 13th of January, 1829, they dismissed the Rev. Robt. M. Laird, to join the Presbytery of Lewis; and on the same day dismissed Mr. Isaac Bennet, candidate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. That on the 21st day of April, they dismissed Mr. William Nesbit, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Hartford; and on the same day received under their care Mr. Samuel C. Jennings, a licentiate of the Presbytery of New Brunswick; and on the day following, they licensed Messrs. James D. Ray and Alfred Hamilton to preach the gospel. That on the 24th of June, they ordained Mr. Samuel C. Jennings, and installed him pastor of the congregation of Sharon (formerly Flagherty.) That on the 9th of

October, they licensed Messrs. Jacob Coon and Thomas Beer to preach the gospel. On the 15th of October, they dissolved the pastoral of the Rev. David Stevens to the Welsh congregation in the vicinity of Pittsburgh. On the 19th of October, they dismissed the Rev. Thomas Hoge, to join the Presbytery of Washington Pa. and on the same day, they received under their care Mr. William B. M'Ilvaine, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Castle.

W. JEFFERY, *Stated Clerk.*

October 20, 1829.

No. 3 THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE. This Presbytery consists of 16 members, and has under its care 33 congregations and 3 candidates, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.				
		Added last y'r.		Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.		C.	D.	Commis'sy.
		On Ex.	On Cer.					P.	C.			
Amos Chase,....	Oil Creek and Centreville,.....			50								
T. Alden, Prest.,..	Stated Supply Centre,.....			16	2	2	4	18	37			
Samuel Tait,....	Mercer, .....	28		255	15	10	25	12	00			4 30
Johnston Eaton, ..	Fairview, .....	4	1	74	8	1	9					2 00
Ira Condit,.....	Fairfield, Georgetown, Coolspring,..	14	2	194								
Giles Doolittle,..	North East and Ripley,.....	10	1	156	18		18	50	00			4 25
Wells Bushnell,..	Meadville, .....	40	2	188	24	20	44	44	00			7 00
Abs. M'Cready,...	Middlebrook, Beaverdam and Union.	2	7	118	14	2	16					3 00
Thos. Anderson,...	Franklin, Big Sugar Creek, Concord.	20	10	157	14	4	18					3 00
Peter Hassinger,...	Gravel Run and Waterford,.....	2	9	115	14	4	18	3	25			5 75
James Alexander,...	Salem, Greenville and Big Bend,...	23	6	150	15	2	17	12	00			3 00
George A. Lyon,...	Erie, .....	1	1	88	18		18	26	39			5 00
David Smith, s. s.	Randolph, .....			36								
P. Chamberlin,...	Deerfield, (Vacant.).....			16					5	12		
Bradford Marcy,...	Springfield, (Vacant.).....	6	1	64		3	3	7	99			1 50
Vacant. {	Warren, .....			15					4	99		
	Sugar Grove,.....			33					4	79		
	Big Conneaut,.....			20								

Mercer congregation \$15 to Theological Seminary, and Salem, Greenville and Big Bend, \$26 to Education fund.

Vacant congregations—North Bank, Harmansburgh, (S. S. 40 members,) Big Broken-straw.

The Presbytery further report, that on the 21st day of April, 1829, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. David M'Kinney, to the congregation of Erie; and on the 24th of June, they installed the Rev. Ira Condit pastor of the congregation of Coolspring; and on the same day, received under their care Mr. Geo. A. Lyon, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Carlisle; and on the 9th day of September, they ordained Mr. Lyon, and installed him pastor of the congregation of Erie.

JOHNSTON EATON, *Stated Clerk.*

No. 4. THE PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD. This Presbytery consists of 13 members, and has under its care 28 congregations, 2 Licentiates, viz :

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.		Total.	BAPTISMS.		FUNDS.							
		Added last y'r	On Cer.		Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.		Commis'ss.	Theo. Sm'y.		Educat'n.	
		On Ex.	On Cer.					D.	C.		D.	C.	D.	C.
Tho. E. Hughes, James Satterfield, Wm. Woods, C. Valandingham, Robert Semple, James Wright, Josh. Beer, S. S., Wm. Reed, Wm. McLean, Nathan Harned, Robt. Dilworth, W. O. Strattens. s.	Mount Pleasant, Moorfield & Hubbard, Neshanock, New Lisbon, New Castle & Slippery Rock, Poland and Westfield, Bethesda, Long Run and N. Salem, Beavertown, Youngstown, Pleasant Valley, Canfield and Elsworth, Hopewell, Yellow Creek, Bethel, Middle Sandy, Rehoboth, Deerfield, Brookfield,	3 9 9 10 8 11 15 10 2 2 2 4 5 3 3	2 4 4 4 8 3 8 4 2 2 2 4 4 1 4 1	280 180 186 293 258 290 88 316 186 100 46 77 200 49 76 38 34 60 30	1 14 14 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 2 2 9	15 14 14 14 31 21 21 20 19 2 8 8 11 11 8 4 6 9	56 36 36 210 600 600 4020 400 1230 400 2100 437 0048 99	80 246 210 300 77 300 400 400 100 600 00 2750 48	4 2 2 10 3 5 3					

Vacant Congregations: Newton, Bethlehem, Sandy and Boardman.

Licentiates: William Hughes and Watson Hughes.

The Presbytery further report, that on the 23d day of June last, they received under their care Mr. William Nesbet, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Ohio; and on the 24th, they licensed Mr. Wm. Hughes to preach the gospel. That on the 6th day of October inst. they received the Rev. William O. Strattan, from the Presbytery of Chenango; and on the 7th they ordained the Rev. William Nesbet, and installed him pastor of the congregation of Hopewell, and on the same day, licensed Mr. Watson Hughes to preach the gospel.

ROBERT DILWORTH, *Stated Clerk.*

October, 1829.

No. 5. THE PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON. This Presbytery consists of 11 members, and has under its care 21 congregations, 6 licentiates and 1 candidate, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.			
		Added last y'r.		Total.	Adults.		Total.	Miss.		Com. b.	
		On Ex.	On Cer.			Infants.		D.	C.	D.	C.
George M. Scott,	Mill Creek,.....	15	6	245	4	43	47	29	00	4	00
J. Anderson, D. D.,	Upper Buffalo,.....	25	1	290	4	20	24	138	15	5	00
Elisha Macurdy,	Cross Roads,.....	15	9	460	5	17	22	120	00	4	00
Wm. Wylie, S. S.,	1st Church, Wheeling, .....			73							
Cephas Dodd,	Lower Ten Mile,.....			94							
James Harvey,	Forks of Wheeling,.....									5	00
Saml. Reed, w. c.	Three Springs, S. S.,.....	13		77	4	8	12	31	00	2	00
John Stockton,	Cross Creek,.....	111	19	400	22	80	102	103	60	5	00
C. Loughran, w. c.	Upper Ten Mile,.....									2	70
John McChuskey,	Three Ridges,.....	37	4	208	7	41	48	81	69	4	00
David Hervey,	Mount Prospect,.....	4		52				26	00	4	00
Vacant Congregations.	Lower Buffalo, S. S.,.....			157						2	00
	Washington,.....	55	5	308	9	15	14			4	00
	Claysville,.....			116							00
	Flatts,.....							16	00	2	00
		275	44	2480	55	214	269	545	47	45	70

Contributions to Western Theo. Sem.—Cross Roads, \$102; 1st church, Wheeling, \$131; Cross Creek, \$211; Upper Ten-mile, \$10; Mount Prospect, \$28.

Second church, Wheeling, S. S. West Liberty, S. S. (\$2 Com. Fund.)

Vacant congregations—East Buffalo, Unity, Grave Creek Flats and Wolf Run.

Licentiates—John Hawkins, Richard Campbell, Wm. C. Anderson, James Anderson, James W. M'Kennan and James Smith.

One candidate.

The Presbytery further report, that on the 31st day of December, 1828, they ordained Mr. David Hervey, and installed him pastor of the congregation of Mt. Prospect, and on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Richard Brown, to join the Presbytery of Richland; that on the 22d of April, 1829, they dismissed, Mr. John W. Scott, a candidate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, and on the same day, they licensed Mr. James Smith to preach the Gospel, that on the 17th of June, they dismissed Mr. Charles Stewart, a candidate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of West Lexington, and on the same day dismissed Mr. Abner Leonard, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Columbus, that on the 7th of October, they dismissed the Rev. Andrew Wylie, D. D., to join the Presbytery of Wabash, and on the same day, dismissed Mr. Henry Hervy, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Richland, and on the same day, they dissolved the pastoral relation

of the Rev. Cornelius Laughran to the congregation of Upper Ten mile, and likewise the pastoral relation of the Rev. Samuel Reed, to the congregations of Three Springs and Flats.

JOHN STOCKTON, *Stated Clerk.*

No. 6. THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE. This Presbytery consist of 12 ministers, and has under its care 25 congregations, viz :

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUN' TS.		BAPTISMS.		FUNDS.			
		Added last y'r.		Total.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.		Commiss' s.
		On Ex.	On Cert.				D.	C.	
Joseph Anderson,...	St. Clairsville,.....						87	13	3 27
James Robertson,...	Centreville,.....	35	10	183	9	28	37	3 00	1 19
" "	Richmond,.....	25	8	130	7	15	22	3 00	2 00
John Rhea,.....	Beech Spring,.....	8	1	228	1	19	20	53 67	2 27
Wm. M'Millan, S. S.	Morristown,.....	10		45		4	4		5 00
Abraham Scott, w. c.	Annapolis,.....	5	1	32	2	15	17		
Thomas Hunt,.....	Two Ridges,.....	6	7	118		7	7	40 94	2 27
Jacob Cozad, S. S.,	Big Spring,.....							1 50	
" " "	New Hagerstown,.....							1 25	
" " "	Feed Spring,.....							1 25	
Salmon Cowles,.....	Crab Apple,.....	11	7	202		16	16	100 14	1 68
Charles C. Beatty,...	Steubenville,.....	5	8	130	2	10	12	190 95	6 25
William Wallace,...	Nottingham,.....	11		86	2	15	17	2 25	1 10
John C. Tidball,...	Island Creek,.....	9	8	113		26	26	4 00	2 00
John M'Arthur,.....	Cadiz and the Ridge,.....							2 75	1 50
Statedly Supplied,...	Short Creek,.....							7 69	
" " "	Bloomfield,.....	1	3	31		3	3	3 00	
Vacant. {	Freeport,.....	3	2	47		5	5	1 75	50
	Fairview,.....	2	1	23					
	Bethel,.....		8	15		7	7		
	Woodsfield,.....	1	3	28		1	1	1 00	
	Centre,.....			35		4	4	1 57	
	Union,.....		11	11		4	4	4 00	

Rockhill, statedly supplied; Centreville congregation \$1.00, and Steubenville \$50, to Education Fund.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 18th of November, 1828, they ordained Mr. John M'Arthur, and installed him pastor of the congregation of the Ridge, for one half of his time, and the next day installed him pastor of the congregation of Cadiz, for the other half; that on the 30th of November, the Rev. Alexander Cook, departed this life; that on the 6th of October, 1829, they received the Rev. Abraham Scott from the Presbytery of Lancaster, and on the same day dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. William Wallace and the congregation of Freeport.

CHARLES CLINTON BEATTY, *Stated Clerk.*

October 8th, 1827.

**No. 7. THE PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY.** This Presbytery consists of 10 members, and has under its care 28 congregations, and one candidate, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUN'TS.			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.							
		Added last y'r On Ex.	On Cr.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.		Commis'rs.		Theo. Sem'y.		Education.	
								D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
Abraham Boyd,...	Bull creek,.....	2	4	94		6	6	4	84	3	25	23	00	2	00
Cyrus Riggs,.....	Scrubgrass,.....	7	1	80		19	19	12	62	3	10	7	00	1	00
Reed Bracken,.....	Nebo and Middle- sex,.....	3	4	123	1	19	20			2	57	5	25	7	00
Hez. May, w. c.,...	Shippensville,...									4	00	24	25	4	00
John Redick,.....	Slate Lick and Un- ion,.....			180											
John Core,.....	New Rehoboth and Licking,.....	22	5	332	3	24	27	23	00	3	23	17	94	7	87
John Munson,.....	Plain Grove and Centre,.....	14	3	285	3	19	22			4	00	22	62	1	00
John Coulter,.....	Butler, Concord & Muddy Creek,...	20	2	253	1	38	39	12	00	4	00	72	75	1	00
John Moore,.....	Cross Roads, Plain, and Deer Cr'k.,	17	2	116	7	39	46					2	00		
		106	22	1730	20	189	209	42	46	26	47	182	81	23	37

Robert M'Garrah, without a Pastoral Charge.

Eight Tracts, S. S.

Vacant congregations, Richland, Unity, East Concord, Butler, Redbank, Rockland, Bear creek, Zelionople, Amity, Lawrenceburg, S. S., and Providence.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 30th of September last, they deposed the Rev. William Kennedy, from the Gospel ministry.

REED BRACKEN, *Stated Clerk.*

October, 5th, 1829.

The committee appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society, reported, that having examined said account, and compared it with the vouchers, they find a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, of \$38.79.

The Rev. Messrs. Elisha D. Barrett, Jesse Smith, William Johnston, Boyd Mercer, Cyrus Riggs and John Anderson, D. D., with the elders, Messrs. Robert Baird, James Caldwell and Kennedy Duncan, obtained leave of absence from this remaining sessions of Synod, after this afternoon.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, Concluded with prayer,

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, 1829.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment. Members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom was reported, the communication of the



agent of the Sunday School Union, reported; their report was adopted and is as follows, viz :

The committee appointed to consider the communication made on Friday last, by the agent of the American Sunday School Union, beg leave to report,

That they have had the subject under consideration, and are of opinion, that it merits the serious attention of this Synod, your committee believe that the christian public are already deeply indebted to the American Sunday School Union, for their zeal and liberality. The exertions made by that institution, to establish Sunday Schools in every part of our country, to diffuse information respecting the best mode of conducting them, and to furnish books suitable for children and youth, will, it is confidently believed, be productive of lasting benefit to our country, and especially to the church.

And as it appears, that the Managers, are now anxious to extend their operations, and need only increased funds to enable them greatly to extend the sphere of their usefulness,—your committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions.

1st. That it be recommended to the members of this Synod, to use all proper means, to raise funds, by public collections or otherwise in aid of the American Sunday School Union.

2d. That it be earnestly recommended to the members to use all prudent exertions, to establish Sabbath Schools, within their bounds, wherever needed, and to increase the efficiency of those already existing.

3d. That it be recommended to each member of the Synod, to exercise a general supervision over the Sabbath Schools established in his congregation, and to adopt the method of conducting and managing the same, in the way judged most advisable.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Robert Johnston, Elisha P. Swift, Thomas E. Hughes, Elisha Macurdy, Charles C. Beatty and John Coulter, be a committee to enquire into the expediency of forming a new Presbytery, of which the city of Pittsburgh, shall be the centre, and (to inquire) if any alterations should be made in the boundaries of the several Presbyteries belonging to this Synod.

The Board of Trust, of the Western Missionary Society, reported, their report was accepted and their conduct approved.

The committee to whom was referred the inquiry, into the expediency of consolidating the Western Missionary Society, with the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, &c., reported, and their report being read by paragraphs was adopted, and is as follows, viz :

The committee to whom was referred the inquiry on the subject of Missions, beg leave, respectfully to report,

That it is and ought to be matter of sincere congratulation on the part of the members of the Presbyterian church generally, that the Board of Missions, acting under its sanction, has recently adopted, and are now prosecuting an efficient and extended plan of operation,

sued in its extent to the moral necessities and resources of this great and rising country, and in its individual form and character to the feelings of the members of the Presbyterian church. The committee rejoice that on this plan, many congregations within our bounds, have been already organized into auxiliary societies, and that in different and distant parts of our church, the same plan has been so far cordially approved and acted upon, as to justify the belief, that at no distant period, our church will be in fact, what she was intended to be, in the conception and design of the venerable framers of her constitution, *one great Missionary Association*, meeting in her efforts and liberality the spirit of those ages of increasing zeal and widening prosperity, through which she was destined to pass, on her way to the full glory of the latter day. Your committee believe, therefore, that every possible encouragement should be afforded to the General Assembly, in its design of uniting and concentrating all the missionary resources of our church, and that its call upon the several Synods and Presbyteries of which it is composed, to come up to the help of the Lord, should be distinctly and promptly answered from one extremity of the continent to the other. Your committee, therefore, recommend for the adoption of Synod, the following Resolutions, viz:

I. Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to all the congregations within our bounds, which have not been visited, to receive and encourage the agents of the Board, and to become auxiliaries on the 50 cent plan, which has been recommended by the Board, and appended to their monthly Publication.

II. Resolved, That it be, and hereby is recommended to the Pastors, Elders and private members of our churches and congregations, to give their patronage and support to the Monthly Publication of the Board of Missions.

III. Resolved, That the members of this Synod, highly approve of the attempt of the Board of Missions, to raise \$100,000, for missionary purposes, by individual subscriptions of \$100 a year, for 10 years, and that they will use their influence as they may have opportunity, to obtain such subscriptions, in their respective congregations.

And your committee further recommend in reference to the missionary efforts of this Society, the adoption of the following Resolutions, viz:

I. Resolved, That the operations of the Board of Trust of the Western Missionary Society, be suspended, during the will of the Synod, with the view of putting the whole missionary business into the hands of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, for so long a period as circumstances shall in the view of the Synod, justify such an arrangement.

II. Resolved, That with the exception of \$500, which was by a vote of Synod, made a part of the permanent fund, and which shall be expended at the discretion of the Board of Trust, of the Western Missionary Society, the permanent missionary fund shall for the

present be retained in the hands of this Society, subject to such arrangements as at present exist, with the understanding, that the interest accruing on the same, shall be annually paid over by the Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society, to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly.

III. Resolved, That it be recommended to the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, to appoint a committee of agency within the bounds of this Synod, whose duty it shall be to seek out and recommend, both missionaries and fields of labor, to the consideration of the Board of Missions, to authorize such missionaries as may be recommended by them, to enter in certain cases, upon missionary services, in anticipation of such appointment, before it may have been made, and also, to advance payment for missionary services, in cases of special urgency, subject to the ultimate decision of the Board of Missions, and with a view to the attainment of the ends herein proposed, that it be recommended to the said Board, to have an assistant Treasurer, resident in this city, whose duty it shall be to receive such donations and contributions as may be paid over to him, and to act in concert with the committee of agency in the disposition of the same.

And if the above resolutions should be adopted by this body, it is recommended to Synod, that the Board of Trust be directed and empowered to proceed in the adjustment of the unfinished missionary business now in progress, and to the settlement of their accounts, and that the Board of Trust be continued until the business of the Western Missionary Society be fully settled, and afterward, in so far as such an appointment may be necessary to a compliance with the terms of the charter of the Western Missionary Society, and to the continued preservation of the same.

On motion, Resolved, That the rule for the election of a Board of Trust, by ballot, be dispensed with, and that the Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, D. D., Elisha Macurdy, Elisha P. Swift, John Andrews, Joseph Stockton and Samuel C. Jennings; with the Elders, Messrs. John Hannen, Samuel Thompson and Robert Withrow, be appointed a Board of Trust for the ensuing year, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Elisha P. Swift, Andrew O. Patterson and James Herve, be a committee on the subject of Education, and to report in the afternoon.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Allegheny, reported; the report was accepted and the records approved.

Synod proceeded to receive reports on the state of religion, written narratives were received from the Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio, Erie, Hartford, Washington, Steubenville and Allegheny.

On motion, Resolved, That these narratives be put into the hands of the Editor of the Christian Herald, to publish from them such parts as he may think proper.

On motion, Resolved, That the second Thursday of February be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, by the congregations under the care of this Synod, and, that the Rev. Drs. M'Millan and Brown, be appointed to draft an address on the subjects connected with the observance of that day, and especially in relation to the vice of intemperance, which is to be published in the 'Christian Herald,' and read by the pastors in their churches respectively, on the day before mentioned.

Synod proceeded to the consideration of the appeal of Dr. John Mitcheltree, from a decision of the Presbytery of Hartford, and having made some progress therein, adjourned to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY, Oct. 21st, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, members present as above. After prayer the minutes of the last session were read.

Synod proceeded to the farther consideration of the appeal of Mr. Mitcheltree, and the appellant not being present, the Rev. James Wright, was appointed as his agent in prosecuting this appeal.

The sentence appealed from,—the reasons which were assigned by the appellant for his appeal, and which are on record,—the whole record of the inferior judicatory in the case, including all the testimony, and the reasons of their decision having been read, and the original parties and the members of the inferior judicatory, in explanation of the grounds of their decision having been heard, the roll was called, and every member having had an opportunity to express his opinion in the case, the final vote was then taken, and the sentence of the Presbytery was affirmed for the following reasons, viz :

1st. On account of the vagueness of the charges preferred by Mitcheltree, against Welsh.

2d. Because, vague as they were, they were not supported by the evidence.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the expediency of forming a new Presbytery, &c., reported.

On motion, Resolved, That the consideration of this report, be indefinitely post-poned.

The following preamble and resolution was introduced and passed, viz :

Whereas, it has been found that the recommendations of Synod, at their sessions in the preceeding year, in relation to taking up a collection for the American Colonization Society, in regard to the suppression of intemperance, and the better observance of the Sabbath, have been attended with happy results, therefore,

Resolved, That the aforesaid recommendations be renewed, and that the members of Synod pay to them special attention.

Overture, No. 2, was taken up and considered, viz :

"What is the duty of church sessions, with regard to members of the church, who fall repeatedly into the sin of intoxication, and

have often professed their sorrow for it, and solemnly promised to shun the degrading practice in future,—are sessions as often as the crime may be repeated, to consider a mere profession of sorrow, and promise of reform all that is necessary for such offenders, to retain their standing in the church?" From a church session, that is much divided in their sentiments on this question, and desire the Synod of Pittsburgh to afford them light on it, if possible.

On motion, Resolved, That this question be answered in the negative.

The Rev. Messrs. Elisha P. Swift, Luther Halsey, Francis Heron, D. D., Allan D. Campbell, Andrew O. Patterson, Elisha Macurdy, William M'Millan, Samuel Tait and William M'Clean; with the Elders, Messrs. Thos. Henry, George Plummer, John Hannen, William Hartupée, David Hoge, John Duncan, James M'Curdy, Judah Colt and Samuel Thompson, were appointed a Board of Managers of the Education Society for the ensuing year. On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Professor Halsey, the Rev. Messrs. E. P. Swift and S. C. Jennings, be a committee to enquire into the best mode of obtaining and circulating Tracts on the distinguishing doctrines and discipline of the Presbyterian church, and that they report at the next meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Elisha P. Swift and Samuel C. Jennings, be a committee, to select such parts of these minutes as they may consider necessary to be published.

The roll was now called, when it appeared that the following members, were absent without leave, viz:

Rev. Messrs. Robert Patterson, Thomas Anderson and James Wright.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the 1st Presbyterian church in the city of Pittsburgh on the third Thursday of October, 1830, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer, singing and the apostolical benediction.

In General Assembly, May 25th, 1830. Thus far examined and approved.

EZRA FISK, *Moderator.*

PITTSBURGH, October 16th, A. D. 1830.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened by the Rev. James Graham, the Moderator of the last year, with a sermon from 2d Tim. 4: 2. "Preach the word; be instant in season,

"out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine."

The Synod was constituted with prayer.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. Francis Laird, Robert Johnston, James Graham, William Johnston, Asa Brooks, George Vanemon, Andrew O. Patterson, Samuel Swan, Alexander M'Candless,, Samuel M'Ferran, J. H. Agnew, James Campbell and Watson Hughes; with the Elders, Messrs. Patrick Power, W. Steel, George Plummer, R. Campbell, J. Gray and T. Debison.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., Joseph Patterson, John Andrews, Boyd Mercer, Samuel Ralston, D. D., William Woods, Francis Herron, D. D., Matthew Brown, D. D., Joseph Stockton, Robt. Patterson, Moses Allen, Thos. D. Baird, Allan D. Campbell, Luther Halsey, Elisha P. Swift, Wm. Jeffery, Wm. Smith, J. K. Cunningham and Jacob F. Halsey; with the Elders, Messrs. Robert Aiken, Benjamin Williams, J. M. Snowden, J. Hannen, John Scott, Garret Vanemon, J. Glass, William Hartupee, John Herriott, John Aiken, James Backhouse and Nathan Grier.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. Wells Bushnell, Thomas Anderson, Peter Hassinger and James Alexander; with the Elder, Mr. James Gilleland.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford,—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes, William Woods, Clement Valandingham, James Wright, William Reed, William M'Clean, Robert Dilworth, William O. Strattan and Ward Stafford; with the Elders, Messrs. Samuel Fields, Thomas Henry, George Montieth and William M'Combs.

Of the Presbytery of Washington,—The Rev. Messrs. Elisha Macurdy, Cephas Dodd, James Hervey, John Stockton, John M'Cluskey, David Hervey, Thomas Hoge, Jacob Lindley and J. M. M'Kennan; with the Elders, Messrs. James Kerr, Hugh Lea, William M'Kindley and Reddick M'Kee.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville,—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Anderson, John Rhea, William M'Millan, Thomas Hunt, Charles C. Beatty, Wm. Wallace, John C. Tidball and Benjamin Mitchel; with the Elders, Messrs. James Torrence and George Culp.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny,—The Rev. Messrs. Cyrus Riggs, Reid Bracken, John Core, John Munson, John Coulter, John Moore and John Glenn; with the Elders, Messrs. John M'Gee, Malachi Richardson, John Agnew, Philip Corbet and Ezekiel How.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT.

Of the Presbytery of Redstone,—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Henderson, David Barclay, James Guthrie, Ashbel G. Fairchild, John Reed, Jesse Smith, Thomas Davis, Joseph Harper, John H. Kirkpatrick, Elisha D. Barret and S. H. Terry.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio,—The Rev. Messrs. John Joyce, Robert Rutherford, David Stevens, Samuel C. Jennings and James D. Ray.

Of the Presbytery of Erie,—The Rev. Messrs. Amos Chase, Timothy Alden, Samuel Tait, Johnston Eaton, Ira Condit, David M'Kinney, Giles Doolittle, Absalom M'Cready, George A. Lyon, David Smith, Pierce Chamberlain and Bradford Marey.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford,—The Rev. Messrs. James Satterfield, Robert Semple, Joshua Beer and William Nesbet.

Of the Presbytery of Washington,—The Rev. George M. Scott, John Anderson, D. D., William Wylie, Samuel Reed, Cornelius Laughran, David Elliott, Richard Campbell and William C. Anderson.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville,—The Rev. Messrs. James Robertson, Abraham Scott, Jacob Cozad, Salmon Cowles and John M'Arther.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny,—The Rev. Messrs. Abraham Boyd, Robert M'Garrah, Heseekiah May, John Reddick and Nathaniel R. Snowden.

Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk. The Rev. William M'Millan was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Thomas Hoge, Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Asa Brooks, Allan D. Campbell, Peter Hassinger, William Reed, Cephas Dodd and William Wallace, assigned reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. John M'Millan, D. D., J. H. Agnew, Wells Bushnell, Wm. Woods, of Hartford Presbytery, John M'Cluskey, William Wallace and John Munson; with the Elders, Messrs. Patrick Power, William Hartupce and James Kerr, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. James Hervey, John Rhea and James M'Kennon, with the Elders, Messrs. Reddick M'Kee and Thomas Henry, were appointed a judicial committee, to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The following committees were appointed to examine the Presbyterial records, viz:

The records of the Presbytery of Redstone—Messrs. M. Allen and J. Andrews; Of the Presbytery of Ohio—Messrs. C. Valandingham and J. Alexander; Of the Presbytery of Erie—Messrs. T. Hunt and A. M'Candless; Of the Presbytery of Hartford—Messrs. Reed Bracken and W. Wallace; Of the Presbytery of Washington—Messrs. S. M'Ferran and W. Smith; Of the Presbytery of Steubenville—Messrs. W. Johnston and C. Riggs; Of the Presbytery of Allegheny—Messrs. D. Hervey and W. B. M'Ilvaine.

Resolved, That next Saturday be spent in special prayer, to Al-

mighty God, for the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, that in the forenoon, the Synod will meet together, for the foregoing purpose; and in the afternoon they will unite with the two churches in this city, and that in Allegheny town, in the same duty.

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Herron and Swift, be a committee, to make arrangements for the order of the services on that occasion.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, A. M., OCT. 22st., 1830.

Synod met and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Richard Campbell and William C. Anderson, now appeared and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

The Rev. Alexander Logan, of the Synod of New York and Rev. Robert Baird of the Synod of New Jersey, being present and invited, took their seats as corresponding members.

The receiving Presbyterian reports and narratives on the state of religion, within the bounds of Synod, was made the order of the day, for this afternoon.

The subject of facilitating the operations of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, was taken up, when certain Resolutions were presented, which after some discussion, were referred to the Rev. A. O. Patterson, Elisha P. Swift, and Thomas D. Baird, to report thereon, at some convenient time, during the sessions of Synod.

A communication from the Rev. William Neill, D. D., corresponding Secretary and General Agent, of the Board of Education of the General Assembly, was presented to Synod.

On motion, Resolved, That said communication be referred to the Rev. Luther Halsey, Matthew Brown, James Graham and William M'Millan, to report thereon as soon as convenient.

Resolved, That the receiving the report of the Board of Trust, be made the order of the day, for next Tuesday morning.

The subject for promoting the sanctification of the Sabbath, and also, the day appointed by the General Assembly, to be observed in fasting, humiliation and prayer, were referred to the Rev. Messrs. T. D. Baird, Francis Laird and James Graham, to report at some convenient time during the sessions of Synod.

The Rev. William Wylie, now appeared and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, and for his absence from the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

Presbyterian reports were called for, on which the Presbyteries reported, their reports were accepted and are as follows, viz:

No. 1. THE PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE. This Presbytery consists of 25 members, and has under its care 46 congregations, 3 licentiates and 1 candidate.



MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.												
		Added last y'r.	Total.	On Cert. On Exp.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.	D.		C.		Commis'rs.		Theo. Sem'y.		Education.			
									D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.				
Francis Laird,...	Plumb Creek and	25	8	398	2	42	44							7	39	100	0	2	00	
Robt. Johnston,...	Poke Run,.....																			
Robt. Johnston,...	Rehoboth & Round	15	5	251	3	23	26							3	13	155	00	6	00	
James Graham,...	Hill,.....	20	2	171	7	40	47	77	39	12	60									
James Guthrie,...	Benlah,.....																			
James Guthrie,...	Laurel Hill and Ty-																			
	rone,.....	13	2	225	2	8	10	36	00	6	00	58	00			2	00			
William Johnston,...	Dunlap's Creek &																			
	Brownsville,.....	6	2	213	1	26	27					4	04	40	00		8	62		
John Reed,.....	Indiana and Gilgal,	18	6	214	1	51	52					3	00					2	00	
Asa Brooks,.....	French Creek and																			
	Clarksburgh,...	8	14	83	2	8	10												2	00
A. O. Patterson,...	Mt. Pleasant and																			
	Sewickly,.....	20	4	317	7	30	37	37	41	7	00	93	00			6	00			
Thomas Davis,...	Salem & W. Union,	27	17	354	5	36	41	65	00	9	50	37	75	12	50					
Samuel Swan,...	Fairfield, Ligonier,																			
	and Donegal,...	15	10	401	4	32	36					6	25	64	00		2	00		
Geo. Vanemon,...	Jefferson and New																			
	Providence,.....	10	2	80	10	39	49					3	00					2	00	
A. M'Candless,...	M'Keesport & Long																			
	Run,.....	10		208	4	22	26	39	25	3	00	56	00							
J. H. Kirkpatrick,...	Harmony & Armagh,	13	1	111	5	11	16					4	00							
S. M'Ferran,....	Congruity,.....	23	10	311	3	38	41	39	75	6	00	31	97	25	50					
E. D. Barret,....	Lower Plumb C'k																			
	and Glade Run,...	26	13	247	5	45	50					2	67					2	50	
Watson Hughes,...	Saltsburgh & War-																			
	ren,.....	8		166																
Vacant,.....	Morgantown,.....	4		78		4	4													
		270	98	1658	61	455	516	292	80	73	54	685	72	70	12					

Joseph W. Henderson, without a pastoral charge; David Barclay, S. S., Jefferson, Ashbel G. Fairchild, George's creek and Union, Jesse Smith, p. Ebenezer and Bethel, 415 members; Joseph Harper, without a charge; J. H. Agnew, p. Uniontown, 77 members; Robert Henry, p. Greensburgh and Unity, 295 members; S. H. Terry, p. Somerset and Genner; James Campbell, p. Kittanning and crooked creek, 43 members.

The congregations of Middletown and Eldersridge are vacant.

Licentiates, Matthew Dunlap, R. T. Ewing and Adam Torrance; one candidate.

The Presbytery further report, that on the 2d day of December last, they suspended the Rev. Nathaniel R. Snowden, from the exercise of his office as a Gospel minister, and on the 7th of April last, ordained the Rev. Robert Henry and installed him pastor of the united Congregations of Greensburgh and Unity, on the 15th of June last, they received Mr. Watson Hughes, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Hartford, Rev. S. H. Terry, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Lewis, and Mr. James Campbell, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick. On the 7th of July, they ordained the Rev. S. H. Terry and installed him pastor of the united con-

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gregations of Somerset and Genner; and on the 11th of August last, ordained the Rev. James Campbell, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Kittanning and Crooked Creek. On the 6th inst., they ordained the Rev. Watson Hughes and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Saltsburgh and Warren, and restored the Rev. Nathaniel R. Snowden to his former standing in the ministry, on the same day agreed to organize a new congregation in Murrys ville, and on the 7th inst., licensed Mr. Adam Torrence to preach the Gospel, as a probationer for the Holy Ministry, and dismissed the Rev. Nathaniel R. Snowden, to join the Presbytery of Allegheny,—Presbytery have also to record the death, of the Rev. James Power, D. D., who departed this life on the 5th day of August, 1830.

ROBERT JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

Oct. 7th, 1830.

NO. 2. THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO. This Presbytery consists of 25 members, and has under its care 25 congregations, 3 Licentiates, and 8 Candidates, viz :

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.		BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.					
		Acc'd last y r.	Total.	Admits.	Transf.	Total.	Missionary.		Commis's'ns.		Theo. S'y.	
		On Ex.	On Cert.				D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
John M'Millan, D. D.	Chartiers, vacant,.....		304						5 00		350 00	
John Andrews, S. S.	Duff & Sewickly,.....	9 2	124	1 27	28				1 75			
Samuel Ralston, D. D.	Mingo Creek and Wil liamsport,.....	22 7	209	3 23	26	58 28			5 00			
William Woods,.....	Bethel,.....	18	183	27 27					5 00		96 00	
F. Herron, D. D.,.....	1st Church, Pittsb'gh,.....	32 12	359	2 46	48	169 59	17 50				1913 00	
Jos. Stockton, S. S.,.....	Pine Creek and Alle- ghenytown,.....	12 4	115	5 16	21							
Robt Patterson, S. S.,.....	Highlands,.....	15 1	118	10 10		5 00		5 00			60 00	
Moses Allen,.....	Raccoon,.....	17	316	1 24	25	80 00		5 00			85 00	
Thomas D. Baird,.....	Lebanon,.....	6	150	2 8	10				5 00		60 00	
Elisha P. Swift,.....	2d Church, Pittsb'gh,.....	13 46	331	2 38	40	155 95	14 57				410 50	
William Jeffery,.....	Bethany,.....	15 9	193	5 11	16	87 62		5 00			376 00	
W. Smith, prof. S. S.,.....	Miller's Run,.....		85								18 50	
J. K. Cunningham,.....	Montour's,.....		208						5 00			
Sam'l. C. Jennings,.....	Sharon,.....	15 2	60	4 12	16				3 60			
J. D. Ray,.....	Hopewell and Mount Carmel,.....		219									
W. B. M'Ilvane,.....	East Liberty,.....	8 8	73				35 00		5 00			
		182 91	3047	25 212	267	586 44	80 42		31		114 50	

Without a pastoral charge: Joseph Patterson, Boyd Mercer, M. Brown, D. D., President of Jefferson College; L. Halsey, Prof. Western Theological Seminary, J. Joyce, Allen D. Campbell, J. F. Halsey, R. Rutherford and David Stevens.

Vacant congregations; Centre, Pigeon creek, Welch church Pitts-  
burgh; Canonsburgh and Mt. Pisgab, Statedly Supplied.

Contributions to the Education Fund; Duff and Sewickly,

\$1.50, Mingo creek and Williamsport \$20.00, 1st Church Pittsburgh, \$124.23, 2d Church Pittsburgh, \$150.00.

Licentiates, A. Hamilton, T. Beer and Samuel Wilson.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 18th day of November, 1829, they ordained the Rev. James D. Ray, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Hopewell and Mount Carmel; that on the 5th of January, 1830, they received the Rev. Luther Halsey from the Presbytery of New Brunswick,—same day received under their care the congregation of Centre, recently organized: that on the 20th of April, they received the Rev. John K. Cunningham, from the Presbytery of Ebenezer, and the Rev. Job F. Halsey from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and on the same day ordained the Rev. William B. M'Ilvaine, and installed him pastor of the congregation of East Liberty, and took under their care the 1st church of Allegheny town; that on the 15th of May, they installed the Rev. John K. Cunningham, pastor of the congregation of Montours; that on the 21st of April, they dismissed Dr. John M'Millan from his pastoral charge of the congregation of Chartiers: that on the 15th of June, they received the Rev. John Joyce from the Presbytery of Harmony, South Carolina, and on the same day erased the name of the Rev. Andrew M'Donald, on account of mental derangement, from the roll of Presbytery, and on the same day took under their care the Congregation of Mount Pisgah, newly organized—that on the 5th of October, inst. they dismissed Mr. Jacob Coon, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Steubenville, and on the day following, took under their care the congregation of Canonsburgh, recently organized, and licensed Mr. Samuel Wilson to preach the Gospel.

WILLIAM JEFFERY, *Stated Clerk.*

October 6th, 1830.

No. 3. THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE. This Presbytery consists of 16 members, and has under its care 32 congregations 1 Licentiate and 2 candidates.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.		BAPTISMS.		FUNDS.					
		Added last y'r	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.		Commiss'ns.		
		On Ex.	On Cer.				P.	C.	P.	C.	
Amos Chase,....	Oil Creek and Centreville,.....	2	55	1	16	17					
Samuel Tait,....	Mercer,.....	20	266	3	20	23	15	00	3	50	
Johnston Eaton,....	Fairview,.....	10	82	4	9	13	28	50	3	00	
Ira Condit,....	Fairfield, Georgetown & Coolspring,....	17	183	2	12	14			3	00	
Giles Doolittle,....	North East,.....	2	7	97	10	74	84	36	00	3	00
Wells Bushnell,....	Meadville,.....	24	4196	10	34	44	50	00	8	69	
Abs. M'Cready,....	Middlebrook, Beaverdam and Union,....	10	4130	2	10	12	5	00	3	00	
Thos. Anderson,....	Franklin, Big Sugar Creek, Concord,....	2	3161	1	18	19	1	00	3	00	
Peter Hassinger,....	Gravel Run and Waterford,.....	3	1110	1	12	13			4	00	
James Alexander,....	Salem, Greenville and Big Bend,....	21	6162	1	21	22	18	62	3	00	
George A. Lyon,....	Erie,.....	7	4199	2	7	9	23	00	6	00	

Without a pastoral charge; Timothy Alden, President Meadville college; Pierce Chamberlin, Missionary; Bradford Marey, David Smith, Edson Hart. Licentiate, George H. Hampson.

Vacant Charges; Centre and Deerfield, 32 members; Springfield and Warren, 79 members; Big Conneatt and Sugar Grove, 53 members, Randolph and Union, 36 members.

Contributions to Education Fund; Salem, Big Bend and Greenville, \$26,00; Eric, \$10,00.

The Presbytery moreover, report, that on the 12th of January last, they dismissed the Rev. Amos Chase, from the pastoral charge of Centreville, and on the 14th of April, from that of Oil creek; and on the same day, licensed George H. Hampson, to preach the Gospel. On the 22d of September, dismissed the Rev. David M'Kinney, to join the Presbytery of Huntington, and on the same day, received the Rev. Edson Hart from the Presbytery of Trumbull.

JOHNSTON EATON, *Stated Clerk*.

No. 4. THE PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD. This Presbytery consists of 13 members, and has under its care 29 congregations, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUN'TS.			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.					
		Added last y'r	On Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missary.		Commis.		Theo. Sy.	
								D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
Tho. E. Hughes,	Mount Pleasant,	2	4	274	21	21	74	00	2	75	45	00	
James Satterfield,	Moorfield & Hubbard,	8	8	191	2	3	5	4	26	2	13		
Wm. Woods,	Neshanock,	6	4	162	1	23	24			2	53	1	00
C. Valandingham,	New Lisbon,	5	4	289	14	14	34	11	3	00	13	50	
Robert Semple,	New Castle and Slippery Rock,	5	2	260	2	19	21	32	00	3	86	10	00
Joshua Beer,	Middle Sandy and Beth- esda,	3	5	126		17	17			1	00		
James Wright,	Poland and Westfield,	2	12	296	26	26	36	00	5	00	13	50	
Ward Stafford,	Yongstown,			100									
Wm. Reed,	Long Run and Salem,	14		318	4	33	37	15	00	3	00	40	62
Wm. M'Lean,	Beavertown,	4	4	185	1	14	15			4	00	118	50
Robt. Dilworth,	Pleasant Valley,	6	9	60	2	8	10	8	12	1	12		5,00
W O. Stratten, s. s.	Canfield and Elsworth,	2	12	89	1	13	14	56	00	4	25		
Wm. Nesbet,	Hopewell,	6	5	172	21	21	32	50	4	22			
Vacant Congre- gations.	Yellow Creek,	2	51	5	17	22	7	00					
	Bethel,	3		79	11	11							
		49	88	2843	18	240	258	299	00	36	87	252	12

Pleasant Valley \$19,06 to Education Fund.

Vacant congregations,—Bethlehem, Sandy, Deerfield 64 members; Newton 55 members; Rehoboth 42 members; Brookfield 30 members, Boardmen and Middle Beaver.

Presbytery moreover report, that on the 26th of June last, they received the Rev. Ward Stafford, from the Presbytery of New York; and on the day following, installed the Rev. William O. Strattan, pastor of the united congregations of Canfield and Elsworth; that on the 6th of April, they dismissed, Mr. Watson Hughes, a licenti-

ate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Redstone, and on the day following, installed the Rev. Ward Stafford, pastor of the congregation of Youngstown, and ordained the Rev. William Hughes, as an Evangelist. On the 5th inst. they dismissed the Rev. Nathan Harned, to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and the Rev. William Hughes, to join the Presbytery of Richland, and on the day following, installed the Rev. Joshua Beer pastor of the united congregations of Middle sand, and Bethesda.

ROBERT DILWORTH, *Stated Clerk.*

October, 1830.

NO. 5. THE PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON. This Presbytery consists of 17 members, and has under its care 22 congregations, 5 Licentiates, and 4 candidates, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.					
		Added last y'r.		Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.		Theo. Sy.		Educ'n.	
		On Ex.	On Cer.					D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
George M. Scott,	Mill Creek,.....	17	3	241	2	22	24	8	25	36	75		
J. Anderson, D. D.,	Upper Buffalo,.....	14	6	305	4	16	20	86	13	107	00	2	00
Elisha Macurdy,	Cross Roads,.....	6	11	468	3	18	21	43	00	6	00	1	00
Wm. Wylie,.....	1st Church, Wheeling,...												
Cephas Dodd,	Lower Ten Mile,.....	18		121	3	9	12	18	50			2	00
Jacob Lindley,	Upper Ten Mile,.....	11		174	8	1	9			10	00		
David Elliott,.....	Washington,.....	9	8	265	3	14	17	50	00	150	00	1	00
Thomas Hoge,.....	Claysville,.....	19	6	104	3	18	21	6	00			2	00
John Stockton,.....	Cross Creek,.....	24	7	407	6	69	75	77	87	203	00	20	19
John M'Cluskey,.....	Three Ridges,.....	43	6	287	3	51	54	64	57	6	37	51	00
David Hervey,.....	Mount Prospect,.....	16	5	68	5	9	14	22	25	36	00	1	00
J. W. M'Kennan,	W Lebanon and Lower Buffalo,.....	18	5	125	2		2	12	00	28	00	1	00
R. Campbell, s. s.,	Three Springs,.....			77						21	50		
W. C. Anderson,.....	Flats of Grave Creek, Va.	11	9	29	1	3	4						
		190	51	2654	51	270	321	388	57	665	62	93	19

James Harvey, p. 2d church Wheeling and Forks of Wheeling ; Cornelius Laughran, S. S. Union ; Samuel Reed, without a charge.

Vacant congregations,—Flatts and East Buffalo.

Licentiates, John Hawkins, James Anderson, James Smith, Thos. Cratly, John Hales, and 4 candidates.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 9th of December last, they ordained the Rev. J. W. M'Kennan, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of West Liberty and Lower Buffalo, that on the 23d of June, they ordained the Rev. Richard Campbell as an Evangelist, and on the 5th of October inst., they ordained the Rev. William C. Anderson as an Evangelist ; that on the 21st of April, they licensed Thomas Cratly to preach the Gospel ; that on the 8th of December last, they received the Rev. Jacob Lindley from the Presbytery of Cincinnati, on the same day received the Rev. David Elliot from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and on the 8th of January installed him pastor of the congregation of

Washington; and on the same day, they received the Rev. Thomas Hoge from the Presbytery of Ohio, and on the 20th of April installed him pastor of the congregation of Claysville; that on the 14th of May, they installed the Rev. James Harvey pastor of the 2d church of Wheeling, and on the day following they installed the Rev. William Wylie, pastor of the 1st church of Wheeling; that on the 22d of April, they organized a church at Union on Bates' Fork of Ten mile.

JOHN STOCKTON, *Stated Clerk,*

October, 1830,

No. 6. THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE. This Presbytery consists of 13 members, and has under its care 26 congregations and 1 licentiate, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.		BAPTISMS.		FUNDS.	
		Added last year	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	
		In Ex.	On Oct.			Missionary.	Commis'ns.
						D. C.	D. C.
Jos. Anderson, w. c.	Centreville,.....	15	6192	629	35		1 00
John Rhea,.....	Beech Spring,.....	28	2248	712	19		3 00
James Robertson,.....	Richmond,.....	12	3133	418	22		2 00
" ".....	Annapolis,.....	12	235	114	15		
Wm. McMillan, S. S.	Morristown,.....	6	348	11	18	00	2 00
Abraham Scott, w. c.	Union,.....	3	15	4	4		
Thomas Hunt,.....	Two Ridges,.....	3	2112	12	312	00	3 00
Jacob Cozad,.....	Big Spring,.....	5	141	111	12		2 00
" " Stat. Sup.,.....	New Hagerstown,.....	17	543	119	20		
" " ".....	Feed Spring,.....	12	1235	129	30		
Salmon Cowles, s. s.,.....	Fairview,.....	4	325	6	6		2 00
Charles C. Beatty,.....	Steubenville,.....	12	6143	113	1415	00	5 00
William Wallace,.....	Nottingham,.....	4	381	18	910	37	2 00
John C. Tidball,.....	Island Creek.....	4	3118	528	33		3 00
John McArthurs,.....	Cadiz,.....	10	4101				1 35
" ".....	Ridge,.....		125	1032	42		1 65
Benjamin Mitchel,.....	Bloomfield,.....	1	430	1	1		1 00
" ".....	Short Creek,.....						1 00
	Crab Apple, S. S.,.....	2	5196	217	19		

Woodsfield and Malaga, Statedly Supplied.

Vacant—Rockhill, Bethel, Freeport, Centre and St. Clairsville.

Licentiate, Jacob Coon.

Steubenville congregation, \$57.00 to Theological Seminary; \$100.00 to Education Fund.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 1st day of December 1829, they received Mr. Benjamin Mitchel, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Castle, and on the 2d ordained and installed him pastor of the congregations of Bloomfield and Short creek; that on the 6th day of April, 1830, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. James Robertson and the congregation of Centreville, and on the 5th of May, installed him pastor of the congregation of Annapolis; that on the same day they dissolved the

pastoral relation between the Rev. Salmon Cowles and the congregation of Crab apple; that on the 3d of May they installed the Rev. Jacob Cozad pastor of the congregation of Big Spring. On the 3d of October, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Joseph Anderson and the congregation of St. Clairsville, and on the 6th received under their care, Mr. Jacob Coon, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Ohio.

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CHARLES C BEATTY, *Stated Clerk*.

No. 7. THE PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY. This Presbytery consists of 12 members, and has under its care 32 congregations.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUN'TS.		BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.				
		Added last y'r.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Commiss'ys.	Theo. Sem'y.			Education.
								p.	c.	d.	
Abraham Boyd, . . . . .	Bull creek, . . . . .	9	102	2	11	13			17	50	
N. R. Snowden w. . . . .	Eight Tracts, . . . . .	1	26		8	8	3	50	1	31	
Robt. M'Garrah, . . . . .	East Concord and Ebenezer, . . . . .	3	4	211	10	10	2	35			
Cyrus Riggs, . . . . .	Scrubgrass, . . . . .	3	77		3	3	1	50	1	50	6 00
Reed Bracken, . . . . .	Nebo and Middlesex, . . . . .	6	4	126	12	12	3	22	11	75	3 62
John Redick, . . . . .	Slate Lick and Union, . . . . .	11	2	218	30	30	4	64			
John Core, . . . . .	New Rehoboth and Licking, . . . . .	15	6	346	2	20	3	63	9	75	21 67
John Munson, . . . . .	Plain Grove and Centre, . . . . .	6	3	241	23	23	3	00	11	50	26 00
John Coulter, . . . . .	Butler, Concord & Muddy Creek, . . . . .	18	10	274	2	31	33	4	50	14	50
John Moore, . . . . .	Cross Roads, Plain and Deer Creek, . . . . .	26	3	141	7	15	22	3	30	3	00
John Glenn, S. S., . . . . .	Richland, Rockland and Bethel, . . . . .	2	9	201	12	12					11 75
		101	41	2012	13	180	193	27	09	73	00
											80 85

The following congregations contributed to the Missionary Fund.—Bull creek \$20.33, Eight Tracts, 80 cts. Scrubgrass 50 cts. New Rehoboth and Licking, \$11.44; Butler, Concord and Muddy creek, \$11.50, in all \$43.11.

Hezekiah May, without a charge; Providence Congregation Statedly Supplied.

Vacant congregations.—Shippensville, Unity, Freeport 39 members, Red Bank, Bear creek, Amity, Zelionople, Smithport and Beech Woods.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 7th day of April last, they licensed Mr. John Glenn to preach the Gospel, and on the 19th inst., they received the Rev. Nathaniel R. Snowden from the Presbytery of Redstone, and that on the 20th inst., they ordained Mr. John Glenn, as an Evangelist.

REED BRACKEN, *Stated Clerk*.

October, 21st, 1830.

A request from the Presbytery of Redstone, for a division of said Presbytery, was made to Synod, as follows, viz: "That the Synod of Pittsburgh be requested to divide the Presbytery, so as to form the

ministers and congregations north of the Pittsburgh and Stoystown Turnpike, into a new Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of Blairsville; leaving it optional with those ministers through whose charges the road passes, to make choice of the Presbytery to which they would wish to belong."

Resolved, That the foregoing request be granted, and that the Rev. Messrs. Joseph W. Henderson, Francis Laird, David Barclay, Jas. Graham, John Reed, Samuel Swan, Jesse Smith, Thos. Davis, John H. Kirkpatrick, Samuel M'Ferran, Elisha D. Barret, James Campbell and Watson Hughes, with their respective charges, be erected into a new Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of Blairsville, to meet at Ebenezer church, on the third Wednesday of November next, at 12 o'clock; to be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Francis Laird, and in case of his absence, by the next senior minister present, who will preside until a new Moderator shall be chosen.

The members were severally called on, to report what they had done in reference to the recommendation of the last Synod, on the following subjects, viz: "the Sunday School Union," "the Colonization Society," "the Temperance Cause," "the Sanctification of the Sabbath," and "the day appointed for fasting, humiliation and prayer;" and the Rev. Messrs. Allan D. Campbell and Elisha P. Swift were appointed to take notes.

Having made some progress in this business, Synod adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

#### FRIDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Ashbel G. Fairchild now appeared, and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

The members having concluded their reports, as to their attention to the recommendation of the last Synod, on the subjects of "the Sunday School Union," "the Colonization Society," "the Temperance cause," "the Sanctification of the Sabbath," and "the day appointed for fasting, humiliation and prayer," it appeared that the recommendation had been generally attended to.

Messrs. George Plummer and Thomas Henry, Elders, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Synod proceeded to receive written reports on the state of religion within their bounds.

On motion, Resolved, That these reports be put into the hands of the Rev. Messrs. Swift and Campbell, to prepare therefrom a condensed narrative, and to report before the close of the sessions.

Messrs. Samuel Field and James Torrance, Elders, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The Rev. Salmon Cowles now appeared, and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.



SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Oct. 23, 1830.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Abraham Boyd now appeared, and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

Mr. Robert Campbell obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Synod now engaged in those religious exercises which, according to a preceding resolution, had been made the order of the day; and after spending the forenoon in prayer, praise, reading the Scriptures and exhortation, adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at 10 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock, Oct. 25, 1830.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. John Core and Messrs. Garret Vanemmon, Geo. Momteith, Philip Corbet and William Agnew, Elders, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod, after this forenoon.

The Rev. Robert Patterson applied to Synod, to permit Mr. John Shaw, a ruling Elder from the congregation of Highlands, to take his seat as an alternate to Mr. John Scott, the sitting member.

After some debate on the propriety of admitting alternates, on motion, resolved, that Mr. John Shaw be permitted to take his seat as the alternate of Mr. John Scott.

The Rev. Robert Baird, the general agent of the American Sunday School Union, being present and being invited, addressed the Synod at some length, on the subject of his agency.

The Rev. John Reed now appeared, and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

The Rev. Ashbel G. Fairchild obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

On motion, Resolved, That the Presbyterian reports be committed to the Rev. Messrs. Job F. Halsey, A. O. Patterson and C. C. Beatty, to prepare a condensed statistical account therefrom, and to draft resolutions to be sent down to the congregations under the care of this Synod, and to report before the close of the sessions.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. E. P. Swift and M. Brown, D. D. be a committee to inquire what further measures should be adopted by this Synod, to promote the circulation of the "Christian Herald," within our bounds, and report on the same as soon as may be convenient.

The Rev. William B. M'Ilvaine, and Nathan Greer, Elder, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

On motion, Resolved, That the Presbyteries be called on, to report respectively on the subject of education; and the Rev. Luther Halsey was appointed to take notes of these reports.

The Rev. David Elliott now appeared, and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Oct. 26, 1830.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed on the subject of "facilitating the operations of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly," reported. The report, after considerable discussion, was amended and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the General Assembly's Board of Missions, beg leave to present the following report, viz:

Whereas, this Synod are of the opinion, that domestic Missions should be conducted by the judicatories of the church, or their operations subjected to the supervision and control of her constituted authorities; and whereas, the Board of Missions of the General Assembly are prosecuting those great objects, under the immediate sanction, with an energy and spirit suited in some degree to the wants and circumstances, of the Presbyterian church: Therefore—

1st. Resolved, That while this Synod rejoice in the success of all evangelical Missions, by whomsoever conducted, yet they do hereby renew, with great pleasure, their former recommendations of the Board of Missions, as the regular constituted organ of communication with our churches, in the prosecution of Missionary operations, and repeat the expression of their purpose to sanction and encourage that Board in their efforts to furnish a preached gospel to the destitute regions of our country.

2d Resolved, That the congregations within our bounds, which have not become auxiliary to that Board, be affectionately recommended to co-operate with them, according to the plan proposed by the Board, or in such other way as in their discretion may be deemed expedient; and all such as have already become connected with said Board, be recommended to continue and increase their efforts on its behalf.

The foregoing preamble and resolutions were carried unanimously.

The following preamble and resolution, in reference to the American Board for Foreign Missions, were adopted, viz:

Whereas, the United Foreign Missionary Society did, agreeably to a resolution of the General Assembly, form a union with the

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; and whereas, the General Assembly has recommended that institution to the patronage of all our churches; and whereas, it is now in great need of augmented funds, not only to sustain the Missionary stations among the heathen, already established and highly favored of God, but also to enlarge its operations, therefore—

Resolved, That it be affectionately recommended to the churches within the bounds of this Synod, to raise collections, (wherever it may be thought expedient,) to aid the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, in their efforts to send the gospel to the heathen.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. David Elliott, A. O. Patterson and J. F. Halsey be a committee to consider and report what aid this Synod should give to the A. S. S. Union, in their great enterprise for the establishment of Sabbath Schools in the valley of the Mississippi.

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hunt, Richard Campbell and James Campbell; and Messrs. John M. Snowden, Thomas Orr, John Aiken and John Agnew, Elders, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Ohio, Steubenville, Erie, Washington, Hartford and Allegheny, reported respectively, and the records were approved.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone, reported. The report was accepted and the records approved, with the exception of the not recording all the proceedings in the complaint of the Presbytery of Allegheny against the Rev. Nathaniel R. Snowden.

The committee appointed to inquire what further means should be employed to promote the greater circulation of the "Christian Herald," reported. The report was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of inquiring what further measures should be adopted by this Synod, to promote the circulation of the "Christian Herald," within our bounds, beg leave respectfully to report the following preamble and resolutions, viz:

Whereas, a weekly religious publication, at present denominated the "Christian Herald," has been for some time past published in this city, under the patronage and encouragement of the members of this Synod, therefore—

Resolved, That it be recommended to the officers and private members of the church, within the bounds of this Synod, to encourage as they may have opportunity, the more extended circulation of the "Christian Herald."

Resolved, That an opportunity be given to its members to subscribe, or enter pledges of the number of additional subscribers which they may be willing to undertake to procure in their respective congregations.

The Rev. Messrs. William Wallace, Benjamin Mitchel and Jos. Anderson; and Messrs. Geo. Culp and Malachi Richardson, Elders, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The committee appointed to prepare a statistical account from the Presbyterian reports, reported. The report having been amended was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee appointed to examine the Presbyterian reports, respectfully report—That whereas, there is a manifest deficiency in sessional returns, relative to the various items required in such returns; and for the purpose of endeavoring to systematize the benevolent operations of our churches, and superseding, as far as practicable, the necessity of employing and sustaining agencies, by securing the agency of the pastors of our churches, in organizing and perpetuating our benevolent operations; therefore—

1. Resolved, That this Synod enjoin it upon the several Presbyteries, to require the sessions of their vacant churches to present their sessional records and reports annually, according to the direction of the General Assembly; and that it be considered disorderly in any settled minister, or session of a vacant congregation, to neglect presenting such records and reports.

2. That this Synod most earnestly urge it upon all its ministers, who have not taken up subscriptions for the Theological Seminary, to preach on the subject, and open a subscription for the same, between the first of January and the last of March; and that each Presbytery take immediate measures to do the same among all their vacant churches.

3. That Synod enjoin it upon its members, to take care that the Treasurers in their respective congregations transmit a correct annual report of the moneys collected and paid over to the several sub-agents appointed by Synod.

4. That the same course, if deemed expedient, be recommended and affectionately urged, relative to the education of pious young men for the gospel ministry, and the support of Missions, by preaching a sermon or bringing the subject before the people, viz: that of Education between October and December, and Missions between April and June.

The committee to whom was committed the communication of the Rev. William Neill, D. D. agent of the Board of Education of the General Assembly, reported. The report was adopted, and is as follow, viz:

The committee to whom was referred the letter from the agent of the Board of Education of the General Assembly, having attentively considered said letter, beg leave to report—That the Board has been in operation, on its new organization, two years; during the first year, had under its care 19 beneficiaries; second year, added 36 more; third year, added 5 more; in all 60.

That they have a General Agent and Secretary; have drawn up and published plans for Presbyterian co-operation, and issued regularly a monthly periodical, called the "Education Register;" but after all, "their treasury is exhausted," is "receiving very little means" of aid, though "new and pressing applications are pouring in every week, from various and distant parts of our great country;" and the Board are "afraid to give any further pledges, lest it should not be sustained in the pledges already given;" and they therefore urge the cordial co-operation and assistance of this Synod.

Your committee, sensible of the paramount importance of endeavors, with our prayers, to train up laborers for the harvest, would earnestly press this subject upon the immediate attention of this Synod. We are fully satisfied, that if this subject were fully urged upon the christian liberality of our congregations, they would feel and answer to the claim. We are encouraged in this expectation, by the success which has crowned the attempt in other portions of the church. They find that two Presbyterian congregations alone have sustained sixty beneficiaries.

In the Western Reserve, in a few weeks, \$1400 were raised for this object, and in the Agency of Cincinnati, eighty scholarships. The American Education Society have more than 500 young men whom they are enabled to patronize; and proportionable success has attended the labors of the Baptist Education Society.

Your committee, therefore, see no reason why the congregations under the care of this Synod would not "come up to the help of the Lord," and verify by their christian liberality, the sincerity of their prayers. The more especially, when they reflect that this nation is increasing in population more than 1,000 per day; more than 5000 Missionaries are now wanted for the opening fields, and more than 500 vacant churches are found within the bounds of the General Assembly alone, and existing laborers are dying in numbers every year, in the midst of the harvest.

Your committee therefore recommend that this Synod urge upon the Presbyteries of which it is composed, the expediency of taking immediate measures to form, in the congregations under their care, Societies, auxiliary to the Board of Education already organized by this Synod; an outline of a constitution for such congregational auxiliaries having been already published.

Your committee further suggest, as adapted to render the efforts of the Synodical Board more successful, the contributions more certain and regular, as well as the visits of agents more timely, that this Synod recommend to the different Presbyteries, uniformly to set apart some particular quarter of the year (*e. g.* October, November, December,) for all collections in behalf of education, which shall be completed and reported to the Treasurer of the Board, before the beginning of the ensuing quarter.

That it be further recommended to each Presbytery, to appoint from their members annually, a committee of Education, who may co-operate with the Synodical Board, as an executive committee

within the bounds of said Presbytery. That this committee keep a record of their proceedings, and transmit an annual report of the same to the Synodical Board, at least ten days before the stated meetings of this Synod.

The following individuals were elected as a Board of Education, for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. Messrs. Elisha P. Swift, Francis Herron, D. D. Andrew O. Patterson, William M'Millan, William M'Clean, Luther Halsey, Allan D. Campbell, Elisha Macurdy, Sam'l Tait and John Munson; with the Elders, Messrs. Thomas Henry, George Plummer, John Hannen, William Hartupee, David Hoge, Judah Colt, James Macurdy, John Duncan and Samuel Thompson.

The committee appointed to consider the subject of forming plans for affording aid to the A. S. S. Union, reported. The report having been amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Whereas, at a meeting in Philadelphia, during the sessions of the last General Assembly, for the purpose of aiding the American Sunday School Union in establishing Sunday Schools in the valley of the Mississippi, the delegates from the various Presbyteries composing this Synod, did pledge themselves, on behalf of said Synod, to establish Sunday Schools in the destitute places within their bounds, within the space of two years; and whereas, the Presbyteries of Redstone and Steubenville have taken measures in furtherance of this object; therefore—

Resolved, That it be earnestly and affectionately recommended to the other Presbyteries, to take order on the subject; and that each Presbytery be careful to secure, in such way as they shall deem best, the establishment of Sabbath Schools within their respective bounds, that the pledge thus given by their delegates to the A. S. S. Union may be redeemed.

The Rev. William Wylie obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The committee appointed on the subject of the "Sanctification of the Sabbath," reported. The report having been amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Whereas, for some time past, there has been an obvious and lamentable increase in the profanation of the holy Sabbath, in many parts of our country, and particularly within the bounds of this Synod, therefore—

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the ministers and people, under the care of this Synod, promptly to adopt such measures, by formation of associations for promoting the sanctification of the Sabbath, or such other means as may be deemed best calculated for the attainment of the great object; and that it be especially laid before the people, on the Fast-day appointed by the General Assembly.

The Rev. Messrs. David Elliott, John Coulter, Wm. C. Anderson and Abraham Boyd; and Mr. Ezekiel How, Elder, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Oct. 27, 1830.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Samuel M'Ferran was appointed sub-agent for the Theological seminary, in the Presbytery of Blairsville.

The Rev. Messrs. Samuel M'Ferran and John H. Agnew obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The Board of Trust reported. Their report was accepted and their conduct approved.

Resolved, That the election of a Board of Trust of the Western Missionary Society, by ballot, be dispensed with, and that the Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, D. D. Elisha Macurdy, Elisha P. Swift, John Andrews, Joseph Stockton and Samuel C. Jennings; with the Elders, Messrs. John Hannen, Samuel Thompson and Robert Witherow, be a Board of Trust for the ensuing year; and that they meet in this place, at 7 o'clock this evening, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

On motion, Resolved, That those members of Synod, who have been absent for two years or more, be required through the Stated Clerk, to attend at the next meeting, and give their reasons for their non-attendance on the sessions of this judicatory. And if any shall labor under a physical inability so as to prevent their personal attendance, that they transmit their reasons in writing to the Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hoge and David Elliott were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society, and to report at the next meeting of Synod.

The committee appointed to review the written reports, presented by the several Presbyteries, on the state of religion, and to prepare therefrom a condensed narrative of the state of religion within our bounds, having stated their inability to report before the rising of Synod; therefore, Resolved, that said committee prepare a report and publish it in the "Christian Herald," as soon as practicable.

On the subject of the state of religion, Synod passed the following resolutions, viz:

1. Resolved, That it be recommended to the ministry of the several Presbyteries, to make such arrangements that two or more of them may unite together in visiting and administering the Lord's Supper, in each of their congregations; that it be recommended to them, in conducting these exercises, to spend three or four days in each, beside the Sabbath, in holding meetings for public and social worship; and adopting whatever means may in their judgment be deemed expedient, to awaken the attention of the people to the great things of eternity; to recover the children of God from their declensions and backslidings; and to produce, as far as possible, a deeper and livelier interest in the great object of preparing the way of the Lord before him, and securing the

advancement of the great empire of truth and righteousness within our bounds.

2. Resolved, That inasmuch as the Lord of Zion is to be at all times owned and acknowledged as the alone efficient and bountiful source of all saving influences, which are yet to be diligently and believingly sought in his own instituted way, that every Saturday, at the hour of evening-twilight, be appointed as a season in which all the friends of Christ among us may, as far as their individual circumstances shall permit, unite in a private or social concert of prayer, to implore the blessing of God upon those and other means employed to promote the interests of the cause of the Redeemer, and to secure to our churches times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Job F. Halsey and the permanent Clerk be a committee to extract, for publication in the "Christian Herald," such parts of the minutes as they may deem necessary.

Synod adjourned to meet in the 2nd Presbyterian church, in the city of Pittsburgh, on the third Thursday of October next, at eleven o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer, singing, and the Apostolical benediction.

PITTSBURGH, October 20th, A. D., 1831.

Synod met in the Second Presbyterian Church, agreeably to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the moderator of the last year.

The following members were present, viz.:

#### MEMBERS PRESENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone:—The Rev. Messrs. Robert Johnston, James Guthrie, William Johnston, and Andrew O. Patterson, with the Elders Messrs. James Scott, James Caldwell and Josh. Hart.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio:—The Rev. Messrs Joseph Patterson, John Andrews, Samuel Ralston, D. D., William Woods, Francis Herron, D. D., Joseph Stockton, Robert Patterson, Moses Allen, Thomas D. Baird, Luther Halsey, Allan D. Campbell, Elisha P. Swift, William Jeffery, William Smith, Job F. Halsey, William B. McIlvaine, John K. Cunningham, Samuel C. Jennings, James Mc-Aboy and Alfred Hamilton, with the Elders Messrs. Crayton Stewart, Benjamin Williams, Harmar Denny, William Courtney, John Atkinson, William Hartupée, William Moore, Samuel Collins, Thomas Wilson, John Hannen, Francis G. Bailey and William Ewing.



Of the Presbytery of Erie:—The Rev. Messrs. Timothy Alden, Samuel Tait, Johnston Eaton, Ira Condit, Giles Doolittle, Wells Bushnell, Thomas Anderson, Peter Hassinger, and James Alexander.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford:—The Rev. Messrs. Wm. Woods, James Satterfield, Clement Valandingham, Joshua Beer, James Wright, Ward Stafford, William Reed, Robert Dilworth, William O. Stratten, William McLean, Joseph Harper, and William Nesbett, with the Elders Messrs. Thomas Henry, Jonathan Hamilton, James Walker, and William McClelland.

Of the Presbytery of Washington:—The Rev. Messrs. George M. Scott, John Anderson, D. D., Elisha McCurdy, David Elliott, Thomas Hoge, John McCluskey, James Hervey, James McKennan, David Hervey, John Stockton, William C. Anderson, James Smith, and John Hales, with the Elders, Messrs. William McKinley, William Ewing, John Black, George Dawson, John Dinsmore, John Armspoker and Andrew Anderson.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville:—The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Anderson, James Robertson, William McMillan, D. D., Thomas Hunt, Salmon Cowles, Charles C. Beatty, John C. Tidball, J. McArthur, Benjamin Mitchel, William Wallace and Jacob Coon, with the Elders, Messrs. Samuel Hunter and Franklin Bealle.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny:—The Rev. Messrs. John Core, Abraham Boyd, Hezekiah May, Reid Bracken, Cyrus Riggs, John Munson, John Coulter, John Glenn, John Moore, and Robert McGarrah, with the Elders, Messrs. James Hall, John Ingram, Michael Trainer, John Christie and Stephen Arnold.

Of the Presbytery of Blairsville:—The Rev. Messrs. Francis Laird, James Graham, Samuel Swan, Samuel McFerran, Watson Hughes and James Campbell, with the Elder, Mr. John Cowan.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone:—The Rev. Messrs. Asa Brooks, George Vanemon, Robert Henry, Ashbel G. Fairchild, Alexander McCandless and Howell Terry.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio:—The Rev. Messrs. John McMillan, D. D., Boyd Mercer, Matthew Brown, D. D., John Joyce, David Stevens, John H. Kennedy, James D. Ray and Lemuel F. Leake.

Of the Presbytery of Erie:—The Rev. Messrs. Amos Chase, Absalom McCready, George A. Lyon, Pierce Chamberlain, Bradford Marcy and Edson Hart.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford:—The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes and Robert Semple.

Of the Presbytery of Washington:—The Rev. Messrs. William Wylie, Cephas Dodd, Jacob Lindley, Richard Campbell, John Hawkins and John H. Agnew.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville:—The Rev. Messrs. Abraham Scott, Jacob Cozad and John Rhea.

Of the Presbytery of Blairsville:—The Rev. Messrs. David

Barclay, Joseph W. Henderson, John Reed, Jesse Smith, Thomas Davis, John H. Kirkpatrick and Elisha D. Barrett.

Synod proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerks. The Rev. David Elliot was chosen Moderator; and the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Hoge and Thomas D. Baird, were chosen temporary clerks.

It was Resolved, That the periods of the adjournments of Synod, during the present sessions, shall be at one o'clock and at half past 5 o'clock, P. M.

Synod adjourned to meet at three o'clock; concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last Synod were read.

The Rev. Messrs. George M. Scott, William Nesbet, John Anderson, D. D., John M'Arthur, Joseph Harper, Samuel Tait, Robert M'Garrah and Abraham Boyd assigned reasons for not attending the last meeting of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. James Satterfield, James Guthrie, Timothy Alden, Joshua Beer, Hezekiah May, Johnston Eaton, Ira Condit, and Giles Doolittle assigned reasons for not attending the last, as well as several preceeding meetings of Synod, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. Alexander Logan and Cyrus B. Bristol, of the Synod of New York and the Rev. Samuel Montgomery, of the Synod of Philadelphia, being present and invited, took their seats as corresponding members.

The Rev. Dr. Ralston, Andrew O. Patterson, Dr. Herron, James Hervey, Samuel Tait and Thomas Hunt; with the Elders, Messrs. Henry and Watson, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures; to meet this evening at the rising of Synod, and afterward on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Messrs. Luther Halsey, John M'Cluskey and Robert Johnston; with the Elders, Messrs. Denny and M'Kinley, were appointed a judicial committee, to meet this evening at the rising of Synod and afterward on their own adjournments.

The following committees were appointed to examine the Presbyterial records, viz:

Messrs. William Woods (Ohio) and James M'Kennan, the records of the Presbytery of Redstone; Messrs. John Stockton and Alexander, the records of the Presbytery of Ohio; Messrs. James Campbell and C. C. Beatty, the records of the Presbytery of Erie; Messrs. M. Allen and W. B. M'Ilvaine, the records of the Presbytery of Hartford; Messrs. A. D. Campbell and J. Wright, the records of the Presbytery of Washington; Messrs. T. D. Baird and R. Dilworth, the records of the Presbytery of Allegheny; Messrs. W. M'Millan and F. G. Bailey, Elder, the records of the Presbytery of Blairsville; Messrs. J. Moore and Caldwell, Elder, the records of the Presbytery of Steubenville.

On motion, Resolved, That the Synod will spend the forenoon of

next Saturday in this place, in special prayer to Almighty God, for the refreshing influences of the Holy Spirit on themselves, the churches under their care, and the church of God universally, and the afternoon of the same day, with the churches in this city and Allegheny town.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, A. M., OCT. 21st., 1831.

Synod met and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

A Sermon was delivered last evening, by the Rev. William M'Millan, the Moderator of last year, from 1 Cor. 1: 21. "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

The following members now appeared and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained, viz:

The Rev. Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes and George A. Lyon, and the Elders, Messrs. James M'Ferran, John Clark and John Reynolds.

The following Resolution was adopted immediately before the adjournment, yesterday afternoon, viz:

Resolved, That the members of this Synod, will meet in the churches of this city and Allegheny town, every morning during their sessions at the rising of the sun, to spend some time in special prayer to God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on themselves and the churches under their care.

The committee of Bills and Overtures, reported Bill No. 1, which was accepted, and committed to Messrs. Valandingham, Beatty and Henderson, to report thereon before the rising of Synod. The committee of Bills and Overtures reported Bill No. 2, which was also accepted, and committed to Messrs. Tait, Riggs and Munson to report thereon before the close of the sessions.

The Board of Education constituted by this Synod, requested that a committee, consisting of one minister and one Elder from each Presbytery, be appointed to take into consideration, the subject of educating young men for the Gospel Ministry, and report on the same during the sessions of Synod.

On motion Resolved, That said request be granted, and that the following persons be the committee, viz:

The Rev. Messrs. L. Halsey, Fairchild, Satterfield, Dr. Anderson, Bracken, Graham, Bushnell and Mitchel; with the Elders, Messrs. M'Clelland, Hunter, Christie, Cowan, Reynolds, Courtney, Hart and M'Ferran.

Resolved, That receiving reports on the state of religion within the bounds of this Synod, be made the order of the day, for this afternoon, and the Rev. Messrs. A. O. Patterson and J. F. Halsey, be a committee to take notes, and prepare a narrative therefrom, and report as soon as can be done with convenience.

The Stated Clerk reported, that according to the direction of the Synod at their last meeting, he had written "to the members, who had been absent for more than the two last years from the meetings of Synod," so far as he was able to obtain their respective addresses, and that he had also caused to be published in the "Christian Herald," the resolution of Synod on that subject.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk, has performed the duty assigned him.

The Rev. Messrs. R. Johnston, Dr. Herron, R. Dilworth, S. M'Ferran, J. Coulter and P. Hassinger; with the Elders, Messrs. Cowan and M'Ferran, were appointed a committee to consider and report on the subject of the Convention, to be held at Cincinnati on the 23d of next month, and to report as soon as practicable.

The receiving the reports from the different Presbyteries, on the subject of Sabbath Schools, were made the order of the day for next Monday afternoon.

The Rev. Messrs. Jeffery, Stafford and W. C. Anderson, were appointed a committee, to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly, and to report what parts thereof may require the attention of this Synod.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. William M'Millan, William Smith and William Reed, be a committee on the subject of the appointment of a day for fasting, humiliation and prayer, and to report thereon as soon as practicable.

Synod adjourned till 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Lemuel F. Leake, appeared and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

Mr. John Armspoker, Elder, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The order of the day was postponed, for the purpose of considering an application from the congregation of Pigeon creek, to be set over from the Presbytery of Ohio, to the Presbytery of Washington.

The foregoing application, having been read, on motion,

Resolved, That the congregation of Pigeon creek be set over from the Presbytery of Ohio, to the Presbytery of Washington.

The committee of Bills and Overtures, reported Bill No. 3, which was accepted, and after considerable discussion, it was referred to the Rev. Messrs. E. P. Swift, L. Halsey, James Hervey, Samuel Tait, and Thomas Hunt, to report thereon as soon as practicable.

The committee of Bills and Overtures, reported Overture No. 5, which was accepted, and on motion was committed to the Rev. Messrs. Graham, Bushnell and Baird, to report thereon before the rising of Synod.

The committee of Bills and Overtures, reported Bill No. 6, which was accepted and ordered to be laid on the table.

The committee of Bills and Overtures, reported Bill No. 7, which was accepted, and on motion, was committed to the Rev. Messrs. Graham, Bushnell, Baird, Cunningham and Wright, to report as soon as practicable.

The committee on Overture No. 1, reported, That the prayer of the Presbytery of Steubenville, contained in said Overture, be granted, viz: that the line between said Presbytery and that of Hartford, be altered as follows, viz: "From the mouth of Big Yellow creek, along the north line of the County of Jefferson, to the west line of the 3d range, thence north six miles, and thence west to the west line of the 7th range."

On motion, Resolved, That the report be adopted. Messrs. Hall, Henderson, Hunter, Duncan, Stewart and Atkinson, Elders, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod, after to-morrow.

Presbyterial reports were called for, on which the Presbyteries reported, their reports were accepted and are as follows, viz :

**NO. 1 THE PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE.** This Presbytery consists of 10 members, and has under its care 25 congregations, 3 Licentiates and 3 Candidates.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNIC'GS.			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.					
		Added last y'r.	On Cer. On Ex.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary. D. C.	Commis- sioners. D. C.	Education. D. C.	D.	C.	D. C.
Robert Johnston,...	Rehoboth & Round Hill,	18	5	271	8	14	22	48	37	3	00	3	17
James Guthrie,...	Laurel Hill & Tyrone,...	16	5	233	2	24	26			3	00	11	00
William Johnston,...	Brownsville & Dunlap's Creek,.....	10		189		32	32			5	00	2	00
A. G. Fairchild,....	George's Creek & Union,	143	4	303	59	73	132						
A. O. Patterson,...	Mount Pleasant and Se- wickly,.....	34	7	345	4	22	26	52	65	4	50	7	25
Alex. M'Candless,...	Long Run & M'Keesport,	28	6	232	7	29	36	15	00	5	53		
Robt. Henry,.....	Greensburgh and Unity,	14	2	307	1		1			6	00	2	00
S. H. Terry,.....	Somerset and Genner ..	30	13	71	2	19	21	25	00			2	00
J. Stoneroad, licent.	.....												
Miss., S. S.,.....	Morgantown,.....	22	00	88	3		3	3	00				
do. do. ....	Uniontown,.....	2	14	94		9	4	30	00				
C. B. Bristol, Miss.,	S. S. Middletown,.....	4	2	28	3	12	15						
		325	53	1928	87	205	822	174	00	24	03	16	42

Contributions to the Theological Fund,—Rehoboth and Round Hill, \$96; Laurel Hill and Tyrone, \$75; Brownsville and Dunlap's creek, \$40; Mt. Pleasant and Sewickley, \$177; Long run and M'Keesport, \$65; in all, \$378.

Asa Brooks, S. S. Clarksburgh; George Venemon, p. Jefferson and New Providence.

Licentiates—Mathew Dunlap, J. F. Ewing; 3 candidates.

Vacant congregations; Connellsville, Indian creek and Sandy creek.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 2d day of April last, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. H. Agnew and the congregation of Uniontown, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Washington; that on the 4th inst., they received Mr. Joel Stoneroad a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, under their care, and on the next day dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Asa Brooks and the congregation of French creek, and on the same day agreed to organize a congregation in Connelsville, and dismissed the Rev. Joseph Harper, to join the Presbytery of Hartford, and Mr. Adam Torrence, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Richland.

ROBERT JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

Oct. 5th, A. D. 1831.

No. 2. THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO. This Presbytery consists of 28 members and has under its care 27 Congregations, 4 Licentiates, and 8 candidates.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.					
		Added last yr		Total in Com.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.		Commis'ys.		Theo. Sem.	
		On Exa.	On Cert.					D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
John Andrews, S. S.,	Duff and Sewickly,	1	7	132	12	12				1	04		
Saml. Ralston, D. D.,	Mingo Creek and												
William Woods, . . .	Williamsport, . . .	18	10	216	3	16	19			5	00		
Francis Herron, D. D.,	Bethel, . . .	11	2	166	1	12	13	22	75	5	00	173	
Robert Patterson, . . .	1st Church, Pitts-												
Robert Patterson, . . .	burgh, . . .	30	25	389	2	27	29	210	00	19	04	1227	
Moses Allen, . . .	Highlands, . . .	14	1	133	16	16	28	75	3	00			
Thomas D. Baird, . . .	Raccoon, . . .	14	9	322	27	27	8	00	5	00			
Elisha P. Swift, . . .	Lebanon, . . .	4	3	137	3	7	10					60	
W. Jeffery, . . .	2d Church, Pittsb'g	18	34	351	2	42	44	101	00	12	46	359	50
L. F. Leake, . . .	Bethany, . . .	4	1	180	1	10	11	67	50	5	00	86	25
J. K. Cunningham, . . .	Chartier's, . . .			70								171	25
S. C. Jennings, . . .	Montour's, . . .	41	10	228	7	26	33			5		52	50
J. D. Ray, . . .	Sharon, S. S., Mt.												
W. B. M'Ilvaine, . . .	Pisgah, . . .	42	9	105	12	36	48			4			
	Hopewell and Mt.												
	Carmel, . . .	22	8	242	3	3	28	25	00	5			
	East Liberty, . . .	19	7	92	2	2	16	14	00	5			
		238	126	2764	36	270	306	508	00	79	93	2341	50

The following ministers are without pastoral charges:—John M'Millin, D. D., J. Patterson, Boyd Mercer, Matthew Brown, President of Jefferson College and S. S. Canonsburgh; J. Stockton S. S. Pine Creek, L. Halsey Prof., J. Joyce, S. S. Welch Church, Pittsburgh, J. M'Aboy, agent, W. Smith, Prof. and S. S. Miller's Run, 85 members, D. Stevens and A. Hamilton.

A. D. Campbell, p. 1st Church N. Liberties, J. F. Halsey, p. 1st Church Alleghenytown, J. H. Kennedy, Prof., and p. Centre Congregation.

Vacant Congregations:—Concord, Pigeon Creek, \$75 to Theol. Sem'y Fund.

Contributions to the Education Fund:—Mingo Creek and Williamsport, \$18.00; Bethel \$10.00; 1st Church, Pitts., \$347.93; Highlands, \$13.66; 2d Church, Pitts., \$153.37; Montour's, \$40.00; in all \$582.96.

Licentiates:—J. W. Nevin, J. Reed, A. Williams, A. Brown, and 8 Candidates.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 12th day of Nov. 1830, they received the Rev. James M'Aboy, a Baptist minister, agreably to the provisions of the rule adopted by the General Assembly in the year A. D. 1810; that on the 5th of January, 1831, they received under their care Mr. John W. Nevin, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Carlisle; on the 2d day of February they licensed Mr. Joseph Reed to preach the Gospel. On the 21st of April they dismissed the Rev. Robert Rutherford, to join the Presbytery of Lancaster, and on the same day, received the Rev. John H. Kennedy, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and on the 17th of June, installed him pastor of the congregation of Centre. On the 21st of June they dismissed Mr. Thomas Beer, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Richland. On the 23d of June dismissed Mr. Abraham D. Pollock, a candidate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Blairsville. On the 1st day of July, they installed the Rev. J. F. Halsey, pastor of the 1st church Alleghenytown. On the 4th inst., they received, the Rev. Lemuel F. Leake, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and on the 12th inst., installed him pastor of the congregation of Chartiers. On the 5th inst., they ordained Mr. Alfred Hamilton, as an Evangelist; on the same day, licensed Messrs. Aaron Williams and Alexander Brown, to preach the Gospel; and on the same day, took under their care, the congregation of Concord, recently organized; on the same day dismissed Mr. Samuel Wilson, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Lancaster. On the 6th inst., they received under their care, Mr. Alexander M'Candless, a candidate from the Presbytery of Ebenezer. On the 13th inst., they installed the Rev. A. D. Campbell, pastor of the 1st church Northern Liberties, Pittsburgh, and on 21st inst., dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. William Woods and the congregation of Bethel.

By order of Presbytery,  
WILLIAM JEFFERY, *Stated Clerk.*

October, 1831.

No. 3. THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE. This Presbytery consists of 15 members, and has under its care 32 congregations, 2 Licentiates, and 1 candidate.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.		
		Added last y'r.	On Cert. On Exa.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.	D. C.	Commis- sionary. D. C.
Amos Chase, w. c.	Warren, Vacant,.....	7		21						
T. Alden, Prest.	Brokenstraw, Vacant,.....	5	1	33	3	7	10			
Samuel Tait,.....	Mercer,.....	20		266	2	25	27	40	00	5 00
Johnston Eaton,.....	Fairview,.....			82		8	8	15	00	2 50
Ira Condit,.....	Fairfield, Georgetown and Cool spring,.....	3		181		12	12			3 00
Giles Doolittle,.....	North East,.....	7	2	97	2	14	16	30	25	2 00
W. Bushnell,.....	Meadville,.....	44	5	268	19	17	36	65	00	7 50
A. M'Cready,.....	Middlebrook, Beaver Dam and Union,.....			139		8	8			3 00
T. Anderson,.....	Franklin, Big Sugar creek and Concord,.....	2		158	1	32	33			3 00
Peter Hassinger,.....	Waterford,.....	13		43	1	13	14	9	68	2 00
James Alexander,.....	Salem, Greenville and Big Bend,.....	18	5	175	3	31	34	8	50	3 00
G. A. Lyon,.....	Erie,.....	39	12	142	16	19	35	50		5 37
E. Hart, S. S.,.....	Springfield,.....	3	5	72	1	2	3	0		1 65
P. Chamberlain, Miss.	Gravel Run, Vacant,.....	2	1	77		1	1	3	00	
B. Marcy, w. c.	Centreville, Vacant,.....			17		2	2	57	00	
	Conneatte,.....	2		34		1	1	4	00	2 00
Vacant,.....	North Bank,.....			18		13	13			
	Sugar Grove,.....	7	3	42	2	7	9			
		154	41	1966	60	188	248	60	00	45 00

Brokenstraw, \$5.00 to Theological Fund; Salem, Greenville, and Big Bend, \$18.81½ to Education Fund.

Vacant congregations,—Randolph, Harmansburgh, Pine Grove, Oil creek, Deerfield and Mill creek.

Licentiates.—G. W. Hampson and R. Glenn.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 21st of September they dismissed the Rev. D. M'Kinney to join the Presbytery of Huntingdon; on the same day received the Rev. Edson Hart, from the Presbytery of Trumbull; and on the 2d of February they licensed Mr. Robert Glenn, to preach the Gospel; April 13th, dismissed the Rev. D. Smith, to join the Presbytery of Huron.

JOHNSTON EATON, *Stated Clerk.*

October 12th, 1831.

No. 4. THE PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD. This Presbytery consists of 14 members, and has under its care 33 congregations and 1 candidate, viz:



MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUN'TS.		BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.						
		Added last y'r	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Miscary.		Commis.		Theo. S'y.		
							D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	
Thos. E. Hughes, w. c.,	Mt. Pleasant, Vac. .		267		20	20	7	50				25	00
James Satterfield, . . .	Moorfield and Hubbard, . . .	6	6	193	7	7	4	97	1	77			
W. Woods, . . .	Neshanock, . . .			162						2	75		
C. Valandingham, . . .	New Lisbon, . . .	5	9	294	1	15	16	9	12	2	05	9	50
R. Semple, . . .	New Castle & Slippery Rock, . . .	8		261	27	27	19	00				18	00
Joshua Beer, . . .	Middle Sandy and Bethesda, . . .	1	8	124	11	11				1	65		
James Wright, . . .	Poland & Westfield, . . .	5	3	301	22	22				2	06	18	75
Ward Stafford, . . .	Youngstown, . . .	15	10	117	5	20	25	10	00	3	70	12	00
W. Reed, . . .	Long Run and New Salem, . . .	5	3	310	1	25	26	18	00	3	00	11	25
W. McLean, . . .	Beavertown, . . .	12	12	204	2	18	20			4	00	42	00
R. Dilworth, . . .	Pleasant Valley, . . .	4		63	3	3	1	75	1	00		5	00
" " S. S., . . .	Middle Beaver, . . .									2	35		
W. O. Strattan, . . .	Canfield and Ellsworth, . . .	6	8	96	24	24	30	50	5	50			
W. Nesbet, . . .	Hopewell, . . .	8	12	201	3	31	37	8	43	2	56	15	
	Rehoboth, S. S., . . .	4		36	1	2	3						
	Yellow Creek, . . .			51								43	56
Vacant. {	Bethel, . . .	9		87	1	13	14						
	Deerfield, . . .	2	5	69	1	1							
		90	76	2954	14	242	256	109	27	32	39	200	06

Contributions to Education Fund—New Lisbon, \$20.00; Youngstown, \$31.50; Canfield and Ellsworth, \$10.00; in all \$61.50.

J. Harper, S. S., Bethlehem, Sandy and Stillfork, 33 members.

Vacant Congregations—Newton, 55 members; Boardman, Brookfield, Wellsville, 30 members; Salem and Centre.

Presbytery moreover report, that on the 19th of November last, they susyended the Rev. Thomas E. Hughes, from the office of the ministry; that on the 10th day of January, they dismissed him from his pastoral charge of the congregation of Mount Pleasant, and on the day following restored him to the exercise of his office; that on the 6th day of April, they dismissed the Rev. James Satterfield, from his pastoral charge of the congregation of Hubbard; that on the 22d day of May they organized a church at Middle Beaver, and that on the 20th of October inst., they received the Rev. Joseph Harper, from the Presbytery of Redstone.

By order of Presbytery,

October, 1831.

ROBERT DILWORTH, *Stated Clerk.*

No. 5. THE PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON. This Presbytery consists of 19 members, and has under its care 22 congregations, 3 Licentiates, and 4 candidates, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.							
		Added last y'r.	Total.	On Ex.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.	Commis's.	Theo. Sy.	Educ'n.	D.	C.	D.	C.
George M. Scott,	Mill Creek,.....	2	13	234	38	38	23	12	4	00	37				2 00
J. Anderson, D. D.,	Upper Buffalo,...	6	3	306			76	75	6	00	75				109 00
Elisha Macurdy,	Cross Roads,....	5	14	480	20	20	82	65	4	00	134	50			56 20
Wm. Wylie, W. C.	Wheeling,.....			85	20	20	100	00	17	48	200				2 00
Cephas Dodd,....	Lower Ten Mile,	20		128	2	24	26	13	00	4	00	25			13 50
J. Hervey,.....	Forks of Wh'ling,			118	1	26	27	36	22	2					00
Thomas Hoge,....	Claysville,.....	28	9	119	7	13	20	17	50	4	00	34			1
David Elliott,....	Washington,.....	10	24	287	3	49	52	35	48	6	07	95			175 02
John Stockton,....	Cross Creek,.....	12	10	400	2	30	32	91	15	6	00	233			79 18
John McCluskey,	Three Ridges,....	21	5	252	5	50	55	41	62	4	00	30			76 00
David Hervey,....	Mount Prospect,...	11	5	81	3	10	13	12	00	4	10	14	50		11 00
J. W. McKennan,	Lower Buffalo,...	5	10	76	1	6	7	34	12	3		35	50		
"	West Liberty,....	2	2	65		1	1	29	37	2		42			1 00
R. Campbell, S. S.,	Three Springs,...	11	1	91	2	13	15	12	00	2	1	21	50		1 00
J. Hawkins, W. C.	Wolf Run,.....	9	1	28	8	12	20	7	50						
J. Hales, S. S.,...	Flatts,.....	6	2		5	7	12								
		153	131	2973	36	9	458	602	56	68	70	177	00	326	90

Contributions to contingent Fund—Cross Roads, \$1.00; Cross creek, \$1.80; Three Ridges, \$1.00; Mount Prospect, 50 cts., Three Springs, 50; in all, \$4.50.

J. Hervey, S. S., West Union; J. Lindley, S. S., Upper Ten mile, 174 members; W. C. Anderson and J. Smith, without pastoral charges; J. H. Agnew, Professor.

Vacant Congregations—Unity, 20 members, East Buffalo, Flats of Grave creek, 29 members, Union.

Licentiates—J. Anderson, W. D. Smith and Thomas Chesnut.

Presbytery moreover report, that on the 29th of December 1830, they ordained the Rev. John Hawkins as an Evangelist; that on the same day, they received as a member, the Rev. John Hales from the Methodist Episcopal church; that at the same time, they received under their care, the church of West Union; that on the 19th of April, 1831, they received the Rev. J. Holmes Agnew, from the Presbytery of Redstone; that on the 20th of the same month, they dismissed Mr. Thomas Cratly, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Columbus; that on the same day, they licensed Mr. W. D. Smith, to preach the Gospel; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. William Wylie, and the 1st church of Wheeling; that on the 21st of June, the name of the Rev. Samuel Reed, who has been for a considerable time, in a state of mental alienation, was ordered to be stricken from the roll of this Presbytery, until it may please a merciful Providence to restore him to a sound mind; that on the fol-

lowing day, they licenced Mr. Thomas M. Chesnut, to preach the Gospel; that on the 4th of October, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. James Hervey, and the 2d church of Wheeling; that on the same day they dissolved the 1st and 2d churches of Wheeling, and erected one new congregation; that on the same day the Rev. Cornelius Laughran, withdrew from Presbytery, to join the Cumberland Presbyterians, and his name was ordered to be stricken from the roll; that on the day following they ordained the Rev. J. Smith as an Evangelist.

JOHN STOCKTON, *Stated Clerk.*

No. 6. THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE. This Presbytery consists of 14 members, and has under its care 26 congregations, and 1 candidate, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.		BAPTISMS.		FUNDS.			
		Added last y'r.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Missionary.		Commiss'ys.	
		On Px.	On Cer.			D.	C.	D.	C.
Jos. Anderson, s. s.,	Rock Hill and Bethel,....	3	6	49	3	10	11		
John Rhea,.....	Beech Spring,.....	16	4	261	5	31	34	35	87
James Robertson,...	Richmond and Annapolis,...	37	8	204	23	38			600
Thomas Hunt,.....	Two Ridges,.....	10	11	123	1	11	12	8	00
Jacob Cozad,.....	Big Spring,.....		4	42		8	8		
" " Stat. Sup.,	New Hagerstown,.....		4	2	48		2	2	
" " " "	Feed Spring,.....		14	4	53		2	11	13
Salmon Cowles, s. s.,	Fairview and Maliga,....		15	1	55		1	16	16
Charles C. Beatty,...	Steubenville, .....		3	10	142		1	13	14
William Wallace,.....	Nottingham,.....			6	81		4	4	6
John C. Tidball,....	Island Creek,.....		10	4	127		34	34	
John M'Arthurs,....	Ridge and Cadize,.....							6	
Benjamin Mitchel,...	Bloomfield,.....		8	4	38		4	8	12
" " " "	Short Creek,.....		4	2	112		16	16	
Coon,.....	Crab Apple, S. S.,.....		8	10	206		5	5	
Statedly Supplied, }	St. Clairsville,.....		4	1	118				2
	Centreville,.....			2	192				
	Union,.....		2	1	19		8	8	
Vacant, .....	Woodsfield,.....		2		11		12	12	
		142	75	1829	20	216	236	205	37
								42	37

Contributions to Education Fund—Big springs, \$7; New Hagerstown \$3; Feed Spring, \$2; Steubenville, \$30.

Contributions to Theo. Sem.—Two Ridges, \$14; Big Spring, \$12; Steubenville, \$75; Short creek, \$31.

A. Scott, without pastoral charge.

W. M'Millan, Prest. and S. S., Morristown, Freeport congregation, statedly supplied, and Centre vacant.

Presbytery moreover report, that on the 5th of January, they ordained the Rev. Jacob Coon, and installed him pastor of the congregation of Crab Apple.

CHARLES C. BEATTY, *Stated Clerk.*

October 5th, 1831.

NO. 7. THE PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY. This Presbytery consists of 11 members, and has under its care 32 congregations.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUN'TS.		BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.						
		Added last y'r.		Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Commis's'ns.		Theo. Sem'y.	Education.		
		On Ex.	On Cer.					D.	C.		D.	C.	
Abraham Boyd,.	Bull creek,.....	4	3	96		12	12	2	18				
R. M'Garrah, s. s.,	Ebenezer,.....	9		68	1	14	15						
" " "	East Concord,.....	6		81		15	15	1	00				
Cyrus Riggs,....	Scrubgrass,.....			75		6	6	1	00				6 00
Reed Bracken,...	Nebo and Middlesex,....	9	7	138				2	00	5 25		7 35	
John Reddick,...	Slate Lick and Union,....	9	9	187	2	13	15	4	32	8 00			
John Core,.....	New Rehoboth & Licking,	9	15	361	1	28	29	3	00				
John Munson,...	Plain Grove and Centre,	7	11	255	2	27	29	4	00	14 50		17 00	
John Coulter,....	Butler, Concord & Muddy												
.....	Creek,.....	18		294		20	20	4	50	15 00		2 52	
J. Moore,.....	Cross Roads, Plain & Deer												
.....	Creek,.....	16	5	169	8	21	29	4	00	3 00		5 00	
John Glenn, Mis-	.....												
sionary, S. S.,...	Richland and Rockland,...	8		101		4	4					10 50	
Vacant,.....	Unity,.....			33						4 50			
		96	41	2042	12	154	166	27	32	63	75	39	18

Contributions to Missionary Fund—Rockland, \$6.50; To Contingent Fund—Licking and Rehoboth, \$2.74; Plain Grove and Centre, \$1.00.

Hezekiah May, without a pastoral charge.

Freeport and Tarentum, statedly supplied.

Vacant congregations—Bethel, 107 members, Red Bank, Bear creek, 61 members, Amity, Zelienople, Shippenville and Pine Grove.

Presbytery moreover report, that on the 5th day of April last, they dissolved the pastoral relation, between the Rev. John Moore and the congregation of Plain, and that on the 19th day of October, inst., they deposed the Rev. N. R. Snowden from the office of the Gospel Ministry.

JOHN MUNSON, *Stated Clerk.*

October, 1831.

No. 8. THE PRESBYTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE. This Presbytery consists of 13 members, and has under its care 24 congregations, 1 Foreign Minister, on probation, and 1 candidate.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.						
		Added last y'r.	On Cert.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.	Commiss'rs.		Theo. Sem'y.			
									D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
James Graham,...	Beulah,.....	13	2	179		19	19			4	50	84	75	
Francis Laird,...	Murrysville,.....										3	62		
John Reed .....	Indiana and Gilgal,.....	15	1	208	5	42	47	20	00	4	00			
Jesse Smith, w. c	Eldersridge, vacant,....	1		50		3	3							
Thomas Davis,...	Salem and W. Union,....	25	15	374	4	35	39	38	00	5	78	65	00	
Samuel Swan,...	Fairfield, Ligonier and Donegal,.....	34	2	428	4	60	64	23	10	6	50	47	50	
J. H. Kirkpatrick,	Harmony and Armagh,...	16	4	130		10	10			4	00			
S. M'Ferran,....	Congruity,.....	23	10	308	2	32	34	58	37	8	41	76	78	
E. D. Barret,....	Lower Plumb Creek and Glade Run,.....			247										
J. Campbell, w. c.	Kittanning, vacant,....	2	2	24		6	6	3	84	2	63			
Watson Hughes,.	Saltsburgh and Warren,.	26	12	202	4	25	29			7	37	49	50	
Vacant. {	Plum Creek and Poke Run,.....	15	6	409	4	67	71			2	00			
	Bethel and Ebenezer,...	48	15	454	2	82	84			6	00	210	00	
		217	69	3013	25	381	406	143	31	54	82	533	53	

Contributions to Education Fund—Murrysville, \$2.00; Salem and West Union, \$11.80; Fairfield, Ligonier and Donegal, \$9.00; Congruity, \$5.50; Saltsburgh and Warren, \$2.00; in all, \$30.30.

J. W. Henderson and D. Barclay, without charges; D. Lewis, Foreign Minister on probation, and one candidate.

Vacant congregation—Crooked creek and Washington. M. House.

Presbytery moreover report, that on the 5th day of April, 1831, they dissolved the pastoral relation, between the Rev. Jesse Smith and the congregations of Ebenezer and Bethel, and on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation, between the Rev. Francis Laird and the congregations of Plum Creek and Poke Run; and on the 19th of October, installed him pastor of the congregation of Murrysville; that on the 6th day of April they dissolved the *pastoral relation*, between the Rev. James Campbell and the congregation of Crooked Creek; and on the 5th of October, *that* between him and the congregation of Kittanning—and on the same day, they organised a congregation at Washington Meeting House—that on the 4th of October, they received on probation, the Rev. David Lewis, from the Staffordshire Association of congregational Ministers, England—and that on the 21st of October they received under their care, Mr. Abraham D. Pollock, a candidate from the Presbytery of Ohio.

Oct. 21, 1831.

S. McFERRAN, *Stated Clerk*.

Synod adjourned to meet to morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

## SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last Session were read.

Synod now proceeded agreeably to a previous resolution, to attend to the religious exercises appointed for this forenoon.

Having spent some time in prayer, praise, exhortations, and hearing reports on the state of religion in some of the Presbyteries, Synod adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

## MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of *Erie*, reported; the report was accepted. After some discussion, on motion, it was resolved, that the records be approved.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Blairsville, reported. The report was accepted, and the records approved.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Hartford, reported. The report was accepted, and the records approved.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Allegheny, reported. The report was accepted, and the records approved.

The committee on education reported. The report was accepted, and having been amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of education beg leave to report: That they have taken the subject into serious consideration, and view it as one of vast importance, calling for the immediate attention and zealous co-operation of all the friends of Zion.

The object here contemplated, viz; the education of poor and pious young men for the gospel ministry, is clearly exhibited in the preamble and resolutions, adopted by this Synod, three years ago, when they appointed a Board of Education to manage this business. But your committee regret to learn, that this Board has adopted no systematic measures, for the purpose of carrying into effect, the object of its organization, owing, as we suppose, to a want of willingness on the part of the congregations and Presbyteries connected with this Synod, to operate through this channel. And as far as your committee have been able to learn the views of the different Presbyteries on this subject, they are led to believe, that the Presbyteries would severally prefer taking the management of this business into their own hands, by forming themselves into Education Societies, auxiliary to the General Assembly's Board. And believing that the churches generally, will be more able and willing to support this cause, if conducted by the Presbyteries to which they belong, therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That this Synod recommend it, to the Presbyteries, under its care, to form themselves as soon as practicable, into Education Societies, according to the plan proposed by the Assembly's Board, and to co-operate with, and facilitate the measures and exertions of the agent appointed by that Board.

Resolved, 2d. That the present Board of Education, appointed by the Synod, be discontinued, as soon as its present concerns shall have been brought to a close.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly, reported. The report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee appointed on the minutes of the General Assembly, report, that they have examined said minutes, and have not discovered any thing, which in their opinion, requires the attention of this Synod, with the exception of a recommendation on page 184, in reference to the colonizing of the free blacks on the Western coast of Africa.

Overture No. 5, viz: An application for the erection of a new Presbytery, from parts of the Presbyteries of Erie, Allegheny, and Hartford, was read, and referred to the Rev. Messrs. Robert Johnston, Joseph Stockton and John Stockton, to report thereon as soon as convenient.

An application by the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, was made to Synod, recommending the adoption of a plan, to relieve the present embarrassed state of the funds of said Board—which was referred to the Rev. Messrs. Hoge and McKennan, and Mr. Caldwell, Elder, to report thereon as soon as practicable.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Redstone, reported. The report was accepted, and the records approved.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Ohio, reported. The report was accepted, and the records approved, with the exception of a defect in page 24, in relation to the first examination of candidates, to be taken under the care of Presbytery, for the gospel ministry.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Steubenville, reported. The report was accepted, and the records approved.

The committee on missions, reported. The report was accepted; and having been read by sections, was adopted, and is as follows: viz:

The committee to whom was referred the Overture No. 3, on the subject of the organization of a Foreign Missionary Society, and to prepare the plan of such a Society, beg leave respectfully, to report as follows:

It is a fact which the members of the Presbyterian Church, in common with some other branches of Christ's visible empire, recognize with joy and gratitude to God, that the indications of Prophecy and the signs of the times, call upon all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, in sincerity, of every denomination, and of every clime, to employ re-doubled exertions, to extend the glorious gospel in the earth, and especially to those, who are enveloped in pagan and anti-christian darkness. The time appears to have come, when Zion should awake and put on her strength, and not only plead before the throne, with increasing importunity, for the fulfilment of the blessed promise made to the Mediator, that all nations should flow unto him, and be saved, that the mountain of the Lord's house may be established; but by their actual, untiring and liberal exertions, to exemplify the reality and sincerity of their desires, to convey to a dying world, the precious blessings contemplated in these glorious engagements of the covenant of redemption. The Church and the world, wait to see such a degree of ardor and enterprise, on this great subject, as the love of Christ, and the wants of man, demand of his own blood-bought family; living as it does, in comfort and affluence, and possessing the rich favors of a munificent Providence.

In saying this, however, there is no wish to depreciate the exertions of the children of Zion, either in Europe, or in this country, in behalf of the Pagan world. To say nothing of the Eastern continent, much has been done in these United States, in years past, and the memory of many precious servants of Christ, whose mortal bodies now moulder in distant climes, and the record of many missionary stations, now existing in various places, and under different directions, attest to the truth of this cheering declaration. Especially it is with great pleasure, that this Synod recur to, and acknowledge the laudable and persevering, and truly splendid operations of the American Board of Commissioners, for Foreign Missions, in the cause of the heathen world; and they cherish towards that Society and its varied and animating movements, none but unmingled feelings of respect and affection. In years past, many of them have esteemed it a privilege to pray for its success, and contribute to its funds; and they hope to have opportunities, in years to come, to express in similar ways their love to it.

Nor do the Synod regard it as improper to recur with grateful sentiments, to those humbler efforts, which they were enabled, in departed years, to put forth through the Western Missionary Society, in this great and good cause.

Still, however, much remains to be done. The resources of large districts of the Presbyterian Church, are slumbering in inaction, and experience for a few years past, has demonstrated the fact, that they cannot be fully drawn forth, by a society so remote as the American Board, or by any that does not involve an ecclesiastical organization comporting with the honest predilections of many of our people.—No judicatory of the Presbyterian Church, it is believed, can act at this time on this subject, with as much propriety and prospect of



unanimity as this; and from various considerations, which it is unnecessary to specify, it is also believed that no position on the continent is so favorable as this, for undertaking the institution of a society, which shall bring up the forces of the Presbyterian Church, in the Middle and Western States, to this great and blessed work.

Without any feeling of unkindness to any existing Board, *here*, in these western regions, of this large and opulent republic, the friends of the perishing heathen, can lift up a banner intended for *other* benefactors, and *other* ardent aspirants after missionary toils and labors, than any institution has yet numbered, and from hence a stream of benevolence can roll, which shall meet and commingle with those of distant places, and the friends of God, even, *here*, supply its demands, without coming in unhappy conflict, with any other society whatever. Disclaiming all party feelings, therefore, and listening to that voice from the Mediatorial throne, which seems to say, "Arise and be doing—collect my scattered soldiers, and display my banner, for the day of Salvation is opening on the world!" This Synod, trusting in the aid and guidance of the God of Missions.

Resolved, 1st. That it is expedient forthwith to establish a Society or Board for Foreign Missions, on such a plan as will admit of the co-operation of such parts of the Presbyterian church as may think proper to unite with it, in this great and important concern.

Resolved, 2d. That for the purposes above specified, the following be adopted as the Constitution of the contemplated Society, viz:

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE WESTERN FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

ART. I. This Society shall be composed of the minsters, sessions and churches of the Synod of Pittsburgh, together with those of any other Synod or Synods, Presbytery or Presbyteries, that may hereafter formally unite with them, and shall be known by the name of the Western Foreign Missionary Society of the U. S.

II. The objects of the Society shall be to aid in fulfilling the last great command of the glorified Redeemer, by conveying the gospel to whatever parts of the heathen and anti-christian world the providence of God may enable this Society to extend its evangelical exertions.

III. The centre of its operations shall be the city of Pittsburgh, at least until such time as the Board of Directors shall judge that the interests of the cause require a change of location, which, however, shall never be effected without the consent of the Synod of Pittsburgh; and in the event of such a change, then the special provisions of a Synodical supervision and representation, mentioned in this Constitution, shall be transferred to the General Assembly, or to that particular Synod within whose bounds the operations of the Society shall be concentrated.

IV. The general superintendence of the interests of this Society shall be confided to a Board of Directors, to be appointed in the following manner, to wit:

1. The Synod shall elect at the present time, of persons residing in Pittsburgh and its vicinity, six Ministers and six Ruling Elders, whose terms of service shall be so arranged, that those of two Ministers and two Ruling Elders shall expire at the end of one year, and two of each at the end of two years, and the remaining two at the end of three years; and the Synod shall ever after elect annually one-third of this number, or two Ministers and two Ruling Elders. And in the event of a renewal of the Charter of the Western Missionary Society, so amended as to meet the present objects of this Society, then the said twelve persons herein mentioned shall constitute, for the time being, the trustees and legal representatives of the Synod, to fulfil the duties of such trust in the manner which may be specified in the said Charter.

2. The Synod shall also elect one Minister and one Ruling Elder from each of the Presbyteries now composing this body, the one-half, or four ministers and four Elders, to be chosen for two years, and the remaining four for one year; but after the expiration of the term of service, for which they shall be severally chosen, this election shall devolve upon the Presbyteries respectively; and the same right shall extend to any Presbytery or Presbyteries which may hereafter be formed within its bounds.

3. And whenever any Presbytery or Presbyteries, belonging to other Synod or Synods, shall become regularly united with this Society, by vote and actual contribution to its funds, every such Presbytery shall be entitled in like manner to the right of appointing one Minister and one Ruling Elder, to serve for the term of two years, leaving it to the Board of Directors so to fix the two classes, as that the change for each and every year shall be as nearly as possible equal to the others; and these persons, so appointed, shall constitute a Board, to be styled the Board of Directors of the Western Foreign Missionary Society; and the said Board shall meet annually, in the city of Pittsburgh, on the Tuesday preceding 2nd Thursday in May, at 3 o'clock, P. M. and oftener on the call of President, at the request of the Executive Committee or on that of any three other members of the Board. The election of the Board of Directors shall be made by ballot, and in reference to those to be chosen by the Synod, the rule shall be, after the first election, to make a nomination at least one day previous to that on which the choice is to be made.

V. The Board of Directors shall annually choose out of their members, a President, Vice-President, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and an Executive Committee.

It shall also have power to elect whatever number of honorary Vice-Presidents and honorary Directors it may think proper, provided, that the said honorary members may sit and deliberate, but not vote in any of the proceedings of the Board.

To the Board of Directors it shall also belong, to review and decide upon all the doings of the Executive Committee, receive and dispose of its annual reports, give to it such directions and instructions,

in reference to future operations, as they may judge useful and necessary.

It shall also be their duty to lay before Synod, and cause to be presented to each and every Presbytery connected with this Society, an annual report of their proceedings; to propose to each such plans of operation, and such changes in this Constitution, as to them may appear expedient; and to exercise all such powers and duties pertaining to the well-being of the Society, as are not herein otherwise provided for.

At every stated meeting of the Board, a discourse shall be delivered in their presence, on some subject appropriate to the great object in view; and whenever a special meeting of the Board is called, the notice of such meeting shall be issued from the President, least twenty days before the said meeting is to occur.

VI. The business of the Society shall be immediately conducted by an Executive Committee, consisting of five Ministers and four Ruling Elders, besides the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Society, who shall be members ex-officio, to be chosen annually by the Board, from among its own members; and to them shall belong the duty of appointing all Missionaries and Missionary agents; of assigning their fields of labor; of receiving the reports of the Corresponding Secretary, and giving him needful directions in reference to all matters of business and correspondence entrusted to him; of inspecting the accounts of the Treasurer, and authorizing all expenditures and appropriations of money; and in general, of taking the supervision of all the concerns of the Society, and directing all its measures, subject to the revision of the Board of Directors.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every quarter, and oftener on their own adjournments, or on the call of their chairman and Corresponding Secretary of the Society, who shall be ex-officio the clerk of the Committee. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

Whenever vacancies occur in the Committee, during the recess of the Board, the Committee shall be empowered to fill such vacancies, all such appointments being limited to the close of the regular session of the Board which shall next follow such appointment.

As the direct management of the concerns of the Society is entrusted to the Executive Committee, it shall be their duty earnestly and perseveringly to prosecute the great objects of this institution; to exercise great care in the selection and designation of Missionaries, and in the choice of fields of labor, and to secure, as far as may be compatible with the provisions of this Society, the co-operation of the Presbyteries and other judicatories of the Presbyterian church.

VII. It shall be proper for the Synod, or any of the Presbyteries connected with this Institution, to recommend such plans and measures, to the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee, as to them shall appear expedient: and Synod may, with the con-

currence of a majority of the Presbyteries concerned, give positive instructions to either, in cases where it may seem necessary to exercise a direct interference in its operations.

VIII. This Constitution may be altered and amended by a vote of Synod, with the concurrence of a majority of the Presbyteries concerned, exclusive of those of which the Synod is composed, but not otherwise: and such alterations shall not be made, at the same meeting, at which they were proposed, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present in Synod.

The committee on Overture No. 5, reported. The report was accepted. After some discussion it was resolved to postpone the further consideration of this report until to-morrow.

The committee on Overture No. 7, reported. The report was accepted: and after some discussion, a motion was made to postpone it, for the purpose of introducing the following substitute, which on request, Synod ordered to be entered on the records.

Whereas, It has been apprehended that there have been, and are still, Presbyteries belonging to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, who have not been sufficiently careful in the reception of Ministers and Licentiates from other ecclesiastical bodies—to put to them the constitutional questions required by the standards of our Church, and require their assent to, and adoption of, the said standards: And whereas, the General Assembly did, at their Sessions, in the year of 1830, take measures to rectify the evil—and require both Ministers and Licentiates of other ecclesiastical bodies, with which the General Assembly was in any way connected to assent to the constitutional questions—and did further express their opinion, that it was only by a compliance with these questions, that such ministers and licentiates, were brought under the watch of the Presbyteries: And whereas it is still apprehended there may be either a neglect on the part of some Presbyteries, or a refusal on the part of others to comply with this direction of the General Assembly: And whereas it is conceived by this Synod, to be not only important but essential, both to the purity and peace of the Church, that there should be a strict compliance with the standards of our church on this subject; it was, therefore—

On motion, Resolved, That the following Overture be sent up to the next General Assembly, namely:

That the General Assembly adopt the Constitutional method of examining into the evil complained of, whether it really exists; and if it does exist, either to a greater or less extent, that they take the constitutional measures to have it rectified, and remove the ground of complaint.

The further consideration thereof was postponed until to-morrow.

It was Resolved, That Synod now proceed to receive the reports of the Presbyteries, in relation to what they have done towards the redemption of the pledge given to the American Sunday School Union, as to the establishment of Sabbath Schools within the bounds of this Synod; and the Rev. Messrs. Tidball and Swan

were appointed a committee to receive the reports and take notes, and to propose a report, to be transmitted to the American Sabbath School Union.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Oct. 28, 1831.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

An application from a new congregation within the boundaries of the Presbytery of Ohio, called "Mount Nebo," to be put under the care of the Presbytery of Washington, was made to Synod.

On motion, Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The consideration of Overture No. 7, was resumed. The report of the committee was read, which was followed by the reading of the substitute.

A motion for the commitment of both papers was negatived.

After considerable discussion on the question of postponing the report of the committee on Overture No. 7, for the purpose of introducing the proposed substitute, Synod adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. James Campbell and John Hales obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The subject, in the discussion of which Synod was employed before the adjournment, was resumed.

The question on the postponement being taken, it was decided in the negative.

The Overture was then read, and considered by paragraphs; and having been amended was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

*Overture on Subscribing the Confession of Faith.*

It appears that the General Assembly of 1829, appointed a committee in the following words, viz:

"Resolved, That the same committee" [to wit: Dr. Green, Dr. Skinner and Dr. Ely,] "be instructed to consider, and report to the next General Assembly, on the manner in which ministers and licentiates are to be received into any of our Presbyteries, from ecclesiastical bodies in the United States which correspond with this General Assembly." Page 387.

In relation to the above, the minutes of 1830 contain the following record, viz;

"The committee appointed by the General Assembly of 1829, to consider and report to the General Assembly of 1830, on the manner in which ministers and licentiates are to be received into any of our Presbyteries, from ecclesiastical bodies in the United

States, which correspond with this General Assembly, made the following report, viz:

"That in their judgment, every licentiate, coming by certificate to any Presbytery in connection with the General Assembly, from any portion of a corresponding ecclesiastical body, should be required to answer in the affirmative the constitutional questions directed by Chapter XIV, of our Form of Government, to be put to our own candidates before they are licensed; and that in like manner, every ordained minister of the gospel, coming from any church in correspondence with the General Assembly, by certificate of admission and recommendation, should be required to answer affirmatively the first seven questions directed by Chapter XV, of our Form of Government to be put to one of our own licentiates, when about to be ordained to the sacred office.

"The course which is thus recommended by the committee, they believe has been generally practised by our Presbyteries, and the impropriety of admitting strangers into our connexion, on other terms than our own licentiates and ministers, is too obvious to require remark. It is the assent of licentiates and ministers to these questions, which brings them under the care and watch of the Presbyteries which receive them, and without which they ought not to enjoy the privileges of preachers of the gospel in our ecclesiastical connexion." Page 12, 1830.

While the Synod of Pittsburgh fully recognize and approve the principles expressed in the foregoing minute, they are not a little apprehensive, that the neglect of their application not only has been, but continues to be a just cause of uneasiness and alarm. Whereas, in some parts of our church, without adverting to persons or places known to many, it may be sufficient to say, that common fame loudly proclaims, that in some of the congregations and Presbyteries constituting the Synod of the Western Reserve, and in some other sections of our church, our constitutional forms and constitutional obligations are disregarded in the organization of churches, and in the admission of members of Presbyteries; and that there is reason to fear, that there are but few exceptions in such regions to this remark.

As, therefore, such violations and evasions of constitutional principles and order are replete with danger to the peace and purity of this church—

Resolved, That to guard as effectually as possible, against the recurrence of such proceedings and the consequences arising from them, it be and hereby is respectfully but earnestly recommended to the General Assembly, to adopt the following, or some adequate rule, for the more certain enforcement of our constitutional regulations, viz:

Resolved, That every church Session and Presbytery, under the care of this Assembly, shall be, and hereby are required to keep a book, in which the following formula shall be recorded, viz:—I, A B, do sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and

Catechisms of the Presbyterian church, in the United States of America, according to the plain and obvious meaning of the words in which they are expressed, as a just and candid exhibition of my principles and faith; and I do promise and oblige myself to exercise my ministry (or eldership, as the case may be,) in conformity thereto. I do also approve the form of government and discipline of the said church, and do promise to exercise and perform my official duties according to the principles and rules therein contained.

Resolved, That every ruling elder of the Presbyterian church, in the presence of his Session, and every minister, in the presence of his Presbytery, shall audibly repeat and then subscribe the aforesaid form, and every minister or elder, hereafter becoming a member of any Presbytery or church Session, shall in like manner adopt the same.

Resolved, That from the books or catalogues thus formed by Presbyteries, the rolls of the Synod shall be taken, and no member shall be admitted to a seat until the said book shall have been presented, or other satisfactory evidence of his having fully complied with the aforesaid conditions, shall have been received.

Resolved, That no commissioner from any Presbytery shall be allowed a seat in the General Assembly of this church, until, besides his commission, he shall in like manner adopt the above formula, or produce satisfactory evidence that he has already complied with these conditions.

Resolved, That any Synod, Presbytery, minister or elder, refusing to comply with the above conditions or such other adequate provision as may be adopted by the General Assembly, shall be considered as renouncing the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian church, and consequently no longer to be considered in connection with that body.

The Rev. Messrs. Lemuel F. Leake, Abraham Boyd and Joseph Anderson, and Mr. John Ingram, Elder, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The Rev. Benjamin Mitchell obtained leave of absence after the forenoon of to-morrow.

The committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Washington, reported. The report was accepted, but not adopted.

On motion, Resolved, That the records be approved.

The committee on the Synodical Fast, reported. The report was accepted, and having been discussed at some length, the further consideration of it was postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. Alex. Johnston, Elder, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Joseph Harper and Jacob Coon, obtained leave of absence, after this forenoon.

The consideration of the report on the Synodical Fast, was resumed. The report was amended and adopted, and is as follows :

The committee appointed to take under consideration the subject of a Synodical Fast, submit the following report, and resolutions.—In the judgment of your committee, there are several circumstances, which seem specially, to claim the attention and prayers of the Church in the present day. The profanation of the Sabbath, is one which your committee, view as the inlet to every species of immorality, and tends to the relaxation of all moral principle. Though the cause of temperance, has succeeded in many parts, beyond expectation, through the efficiency of temperance societies, yet there is still a lamentable prevalency of the vice of intemperance in many places, and which is occasioned, principally, by the making and vending of spirituous liquors, and the use of it, by those who would be reputed the temperate part of Society. It is believed that this latter, is one of the most powerful checks to the progress of the temperance reformation. But the present distracted state of our Church, arising from the inroads of error in doctrine, and departure from the principles of Presbyterian order, is calculated to awaken serious apprehensions, and in the view of this Synod, calls loudly on the friends of our spiritual Zion, to awaken from their slumbers, and implore the interposition of Divine Power and wisdom, to defend her cause, against the inroads of the enemy—to direct her counsels and deliberations, and to over-rule all in subserviency to her spiritual welfare and advantage. In connection with which we would recommend, that the missionary cause in general, and especially the suffering condition of the Cherokee missionaries, be the subject of special prayer and intercession with God. And in addition to all, the Synod viewing the languishing state of religion in the greater part of our churches, though some have been refreshed with reviving and quickening influences, for which they would express gratitude to the great Head of the Church, yet there is a lukewarmness and indifference, which prevails to a lamentable degree, which demand the earnest prayers of the Church, that the Lord would revive his work, and pour out his spirit in more copious effusions, to water the heritage of the Lord, and promote the conviction and conversion of sinners, and purge his Church of those errors, which destroy her purity and peace.

In the view of all these circumstances, and the unhappy state of things thence resulting, each of which, seperately and distinctly, calls for humiliation and prayer; Therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to all the churches within our bounds, to set apart the second Thursday of February, 1832, to be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, in special reference to the above recited circumstances, and particularly the state of religion and the condition of the Presbyterian Church in our land.

Resolved, That the recommendations, which have been already made by this Synod, in relation to the cause of temperance—the sanctification of the Sabbath—the colonization cause, &c. be renewed.



The committee of bills and overtures, reported Overture No. 8, which was referred to Dr. Anderson, and Messrs. A. O. Patterson and S. McFerran, to report thereon, as soon as practicable.

The committee of bills and overtures, reported Overture, No. 9, which having been read, was adopted, and is as follows :

Overture to the Synod of Pittsburgh, prepared in obedience to an order of the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Presbyterian form of Church government, appears to be happily adapted, not only, to the preservation of the rights of individual members of Christ's mystical body, and the purity, order, and peace of the church at large, but, to the habits and wishes of a free and intelligent community. The principle of an equal lay-representation, in all ecclesiastical judicatories, above the church session, is well adapted to check all undue assumptions of ministerial power ; while an equal proportion of ministers, is fitted to secure such a form of administration, as in its practical results, is best suited to accomplish the great designs of the gospel ministry.

It should therefore, be the sincere desire of the friends of Zion, and the care of the church, that the Constitutional provisions, and the actual administration of this form of Government, correspond as exactly as possible.

As however, the ruling Elders of our church, in common with the people, repose a very strong, and we would hope, not entirely undeserved confidence in the ministry, as they are often men employed in active public business, where time is precious and duties and engagements specific ; as they are by custom allowed no pecuniary remuneration for their official services in the church ; and commonly are not often enough called to deliberate in its higher Courts, to become familiar with, and interested in their modes of doing business, it has been found in practice to be difficult to preserve any thing of this equal proportion of lay-influence. As this discrepancy, has now become, especially in respect to the General Assembly of our church, so great as to demand the serious attention of the churches, and as there may arise, and actually has arisen, a great preponderance of lay-influence in some sections of our church above others, it may not be improper to exhibit this disproportion, and present the facts as they respect this Synod.

If the Presbyterian church be divided into two parts, the one comprising the Synod of Philadelphia, and all the Presbyteries, east and north of it: and the other, all the Synods and Presbyteries south and west of it: the following results, as to lay-representation in the General Assembly for the last ten years, will be exhibited, viz:

In 1821, the former division contained 27 Presbyteries, and sent 28 Elders.

The latter, 35 Presbyteries, and sent to the Assembly but 3 Elders, making a difference of 25 lay-commissioners.

In 1822, the first division had 29 Presbyteries, and sent 30 Elders. The latter 34 Presbyteries, and had but 5 lay-representatives.

In 1823, the first division had 33 Presbyteries and 27 Elders. The later, 38 Presbyteries, and but 1 Elder.

In 1824, the first division comprised 36 Presbyteries and had 31 Elders. The latter 38 Presbyteries, and but one Elder.

In 1825, the first contained 35 Presbyteries, and 35 Elders in the Assembly. The latter, 43 Presbyteries, and but one solitary Elder, giving to the largest division of the church, a lay-representation in comparison with the other, as 1 to 35.

In 1826, the northern section had 38 Presbyteries, and returned 36 Elders. The Southern and Western, 47 Presbyteries, and but 5 Elders.

In 1827, the first returned 22 Elders, to 39 Presbyteries. The latter, 3 Elders, to 48 Presbyteries.

In 1828, the first division had 40 Presbyteries and 34 Elders in the Assembly. The latter, 50 Presbyteries, and but 4 Elders.

In 1829, the northern division had 41 Presbyteries, and sent 27 Elders. The other 50 Presbyteries, and but 3 Elders.

In 1830, the former had 44 Presbyteries, and 26 lay-commissioners. The latter 55 Presbyteries, and 4 lay-members.

And finally, in 1831, when there was a great increase in the lay-representation, the northern and eastern section, had 44 Presbyteries, and 51 Elders; while the latter had 60 Presbyteries, and but 15 Elders.

In this case, the latter division, was entitled to at least one third more than the first, according to the constitution; but if they had been but equal to the others, there would have been 36 Elders additional; and with them, most likely, a decided majority in the Assembly, for safe, and proper, and constitutional measures.

During the ten years, over which this examination has been extended, the Presbyteries of this Synod have been entitled, on an average to 12 lay-commissioners at least. In 1821, there was but one; in 1822, none; in 1823, none; 1824, none; in 1825, none; in 1826, two; in 1827, one; in 1828, one; in 1829, one; in 1830, one; in 1831, two; so that in eleven years, while this part of the church has been entitled to an aggregate of 132 memberships in all these Assemblies; it has actually had but 8, or as 1 to a fraction of 17. Put all the lay-representation of 11 years together, and they make but little over half, what they should be for one year.

If we take into account with this, the inadequate ministerial representation, which has occurred during the same period, it will be found that, three-fourths of the actual influence, which this Synod should have exerted on the interests of the Presbyterian church, has been entirely lost. The committee might have extended this examination to the ministerial, as well as the lay-delegation, from the same regions of the church, and it is believed, that such an examination, would lead to similar conclusions, but, as this overture, has respect, chiefly to the existing delinquency, as it refers to *ruling* Elders, it is deemed inexpedient, to institute such an inquiry.

These general statements are sufficient to show two things:

1. That the disproportion of ruling Elders, in our highest and most responsible church judicatory, is great, and to the due preservation of our system, in its constitutional provisions, alarming.

2. That this disproportion of lay, to say nothing of ministerial representation, in the remote parts of our body especially, is such, as actually gives the power of government, and the preponderance of influence to a minority of the Presbyteries and Synods.

3. That periods may, and are likely to occur, in which this preponderance, will be ruinous to the unity, and harmony, if not to the very consistence of the church itself. In view of these things so repugnant to the genius of our government, and so inauspicious to its best interests; Synod,

Resolved, 1st. That it be enjoined upon the several Presbyteries within our bounds, to appoint annually, their full proportion of ruling Elders, as delegates to the General Assembly; using great care to select such as may be likely to attend, and employing new or more effective measures, to increase the amount raised for the commissioner's fund of the General Assembly.

Resolved, 2d. That it be recommended to ministers and Presbyteries, to inculcate more frequently, the solemn duty of having such a representation secured; and to the latter, to make it a standing rule, to inquire at the next stated meeting, after each General Assembly, the reasons for delinquency in attending, where it occurs, (requiring the personal presence in Presbytery, of every such delinquent,) and pass a solemn vote, as in the sight of the Lord of Zion, as to the admisibility and sufficiency of such reasons as may be given; first as to principles, and next, the alternates.

The committee to whom was referred Overture, No. 2, reported. The report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee to which was referred the request of the congregation of Amity, to be detached from the Presbytery of Allegheny, and attached to the Presbytery of Erie, report, that in their opinion, the request of the petitioners ought to be granted.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 6, reported. The report was accepted; and on motion, the whole business was indefinitely postponed.

The Rev. William Wallace, obtained leave of absence, from the sessions of Synod, after this forenoon.

The Rev. L. Halsey, applied to be excused from serving on the judicial committee, on account of sickness in his family, which was granted, and the Rev. James Graham, was appointed in his place.

Synod proceeded to receive nominations for Directors of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, in the United States; and appointed the election to take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The committee on the application of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, with respect to the embarrassed state of their funds, reported. The report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

The committee to whom was referred the application of the Board

of Directors of the Theological Seminary, in relation to the embarrassed state of their funds, recommend to Synod, the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1. Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the members of this Synod, Pastors and Stated Supplies, to have collected, the subscriptions, which are due and unpaid, in their respective congregations, without delay, and promptly to forward the moneys to the Treasurer of the Board.

2. Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the members, to endeavor to have additions made to the subscription lists, in those congregations, in which subscriptions have already been taken up, and to take up subscriptions in those congregations in which none have yet been made.

3. Resolved, That it be earnestly and affectionately recommended to the members of Synod, to have collections taken up, as soon as it can be done, after their return to their respective charges, to meet the present exigencies of the Board; that the Presbyteries will take order, that this business will also be attended to, in the vacancies, within their bounds; and that on the Sabbath preceding that, on which such collections shall be taken up, notice be given thereof, and the subjoined letter, signed by the Moderator of the Synod, be read by the Ministers from their pulpits. That the foregoing resolutions with the subjoined letter, be published in the "Christian Herald," a copy of which shall be sent by mail, to every member and stated supply, belonging to this Synod.

### CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN:

The Synod of Pittsburgh, affectionately and earnestly address you, on a subject, which they deem of vital importance to the interests of our Western Zion.

It is in relation to the Western Theological Seminary, located within our bounds. In this infant school of the prophets, twenty-three interesting, and zealous young men, during the last session, have been prosecuting their Theological studies, to qualify them for laboring in the Lord's vineyard. This Synod stands pledged by the most solemn obligations to sustain this institution.

Dear brethren, when this pledge was given, it was to you under God, that we looked, for its redemption. The Board of Directors, in whose economy and prudence, we have the utmost confidence, inform us that the institution labors for want of funds. There is a prospect of a considerable increase to the number of the students, and the prices of their board, would be reduced to the rate of seventy-five cents per week, provided a sufficient number of rooms in the Seminary building, were furnished for their reception. To you, brethren, the Synod looks for the relief, which is now greatly needed, and they trust, they will not look in vain. And whilst you are daily offering up the petition, to the Lord of the harvest, "that he would

send forth more laborers into the harvest," remember dear brethren, that to render this petition effectual and prevalent, through the advocacy of the great Mediator, it is your solemn bounden duty, a duty you owe to your precious Redeemer and his church, to accompany it, with a liberal contribution, of a portion of that subsistence, with which God has blessed you, for the accomplishment of the great object.

D. ELLIOTT, *Moderator of Synod.*

Synod adjourned to meet this afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

3 o'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Doolittle and Strattan, obtained leave of absence, from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The committee of bills and overtures, reported Overture No. 10, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

Whereas, singing the praise of God, is an important part of religious worship, and may be made a valuable means in the promotion of devotional feeling; and whereas the art of sacred music has received but little attention, within the bounds of this Synod; therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Presbyteries, and church sessions, to take such order on the subject, as may be most likely to awaken the interest of the pious in general, and secure the aid of competent, pious teachers; and whatever else may promote the interests of this important part of religious worship.

The committee appointed to take into consideration, the resolution of the last General Assembly, relative to Missions in the Valley of the Mississippi, reported, the report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows:

#### MISSIONS IN THE VALLEY OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the resolution of the last General Assembly, relative to Missions in the Valley of the Mississippi, beg leave to report; that in their opinion, the Synod is called upon, to give a distinct expression of their views, in relation to this subject. The friends of the American Home Missionary Society, allege that the separate action of that institution, and the Assembly's Board of Missions, has produced very unpleasant collisions, and animosities in the church; and in view of these evils, they have called on the General Assembly, to compel their Board to conduct all their Missions in the Valley of the Mississippi, through a Board of agency, at Cincinnati, who shall at the same time be the agents through whom alone, the American Home Missionary Society, will operate in that valley.

To this course your committee object, on the ground, that it would be a virtual surrender of the principle on which that Board was originally organized, and on which it was re-organized in 1828; a principle which your committee believe is interwoven with the very con-

stitution of the church of Christ; that the management and control of Missions, belongs to the church through her judicatories. The great Head of the church, intended her to be a Missionary Society, and gave her that organization, which in the view of infinite wisdom, was best calculated to render her a safe and efficient Missionary Society.

Believing this to have been one of the ends for which the church was instituted; and believing the Presbyterian form of organization or government, to have been chosen by the King of Zion, your committee believe, that our duty to *him*, imperiously requires us to employ that organization in our missionary operations. And they believe it to be, not only more safe, but more efficient, than any that man can devise. If the evils complained of, are the necessary results of the separate action of these two institutions, some other remedy should be sought; the friends of the Home Missionary Society, should consent to act through the Board, rather than attempt to compel the Board to act through any other, than an ecclesiastical organization. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Synod, the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, should be left to conduct their Missionary operations on the plan which they have pursued with so much success, for the three last years; and that no such connection between that Board and the American Home Missionary Society, as is contemplated, ought to be formed.

The Rev. Messrs. Alexander and Glenn, were appointed a committee, to receive and count the ballots, for the Board of Directors of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, and to report as soon as convenient.

The committee on Overture No. 4, viz: "Have Presbyteries power, according to our standards, to examine ministers, coming from other Presbyteries, as to their views of doctrine and discipline, before receiving them?" reported. The report was accepted, and having been amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

That the question in the Overture, be answered in the affirmative.

The following resolution and request, from the Board of directors of the Western Theological Seminary, was presented to Synod.

Resolved, That the Synod of Pittsburgh, be respectfully requested to express an opinion, as to their willingness to assume the care, management and support of the Western Theological Seminary, in the case, the Board of Directors, should hereafter deem it expedient, to suggest to the General Assembly, the propriety of committing it to their direction.

On motion, Resolved, that the consideration of the foregoing request, be postponed for the present; and it be recommended to the early attention of Synod, at their next meeting.

The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative of the state of religion, within the bounds of Synod, reported. The report was accepted, and having been amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION, IN THE  
BOUNDS OF THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

In drawing up this narrative, your committee regret that the brevity of the Presbyterian reports prevents them from presenting anything more than a succinct outline of the state of religion within our Synodical bounds.

This Synod is composed of 8 Presbyteries—221 congregations—53 vacancies—124 ministers—10 licentiates—20 candidates—and 20,251 communicants. From a review of the Presbyterian Narratives, we have reason to bless the Great Head of the Church, that He has not entirely left himself without witness, by adding 1140, from the world, to the 221 churches under our care, which exceeds by 363 the number reported the preceding year. But when we remember that, to use the language of the General Assembly's Narrative, "the past year has been such a year of revivals and rejoicing in the church as never before was known in our land," that "in former years, details of revivals in the different churches have been given; but this year our General Assembly could give only the names of Presbyteries;" our hearts are saddened by noticing comparatively few spots amidst our bounds, visited by the Spirit's reviving influences.

In the Presbytery of Erie, we rejoice to be able to record the towns of Erie, Meadville, Northeast, Forks of French Creek, Fairview, Springfield, Salem and Warren, as favored portions of God's heritage. It is estimated that nearly 450 souls have been added to those churches, since the last Presbyterian report.

In the Presbytery of Allegheny, there are at present favorable indications of times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

In the Presbytery of Steubenville, the congregations of Steubenville and the Two Ridges, there has been more than usual religious impression, and larger additions than at any former period.

The work of divine grace, which commenced at George's Creek, of Redstone Presbytery, the last year, still continues. Its precious fruits have already numbered more than one hundred. The present state of the church in Morgantown, is truly encouraging.

In the Presbytery of Hartford, Youngstown, Neshannock, Moorfield, Hopewell, Canfield and Ellsworth, have each shared in the Lord's mercy. In Youngstown, during a recent four days' meeting, more than 150 appeared anxious to secure an interest in Christ, several of whom have since indulged the hope that they have passed from death unto life. From 20 to 50 in each of the above mentioned places, have been aroused to ask what they must do be saved, and some have given evidence of true piety, principally among the youth. Temperance Societies, Sabbath Schools, Bible classes, social prayer and four-days' meetings, accompanied with a plain and pointed exhibition of God's truth, have been the means He has owned and blessed. In a word, the means God has so signally blessed, have been briefly stated by one of the Fathers of this Synod, viz:

1st. The fervent persevering prayer of faith, accompanied with fasting, for the descent of the Holy Spirit.

2nd. Personal and pointed conversation with awakened or unawakened sinners, relative to their present guilt, their present danger and their present and imperative duty.

3d. Apostolic or daily meetings for preaching the word, or the fraternal co-operation of two or more ministers, such as the primitive church so abundantly and so successfully enjoyed.

4th. Calling out anxious sinners to make known their feelings to their respective pastors and to the church.

It is sad to notice the number of churches, within our bounds, from which nothing of interest is communicated. This is a subject of fearful importance, and calls for deep searching of heart, anxious striving at the throne of grace, until the causes of this declension are discovered and removed, and those churches be no more like the mountain of Gilboa, on which neither dew nor rain descended.

Our responsibility in this case is fearfully increased by the repeatedly declared willingness of Jehovah to shed down the blessings of his Spirit on his waiting servants. "He never said to the seed of Jacob, seek my face in vain."

In some portions of the Synod, where the triumphs of God's grace have been so signally marked, the ordinances of his house are well attended, and peace and unanimity prevail.

From the statistical reports of our Presbyteries, we are happy to learn, that the cause of Domestic Missions is receiving increasing attention and larger contributions; and while the cause of Foreign Missions has for some time languished, we rejoice to be able to state that a brighter prospect seems ready to dawn upon it. The Presbytery of Ohio, catching the spirit which seems kindling in sister Presbyteries, has pledged itself to sustain at least one Foreign Missionary, annually.

Bible classes and Sabbath Schools have considerably increased, and the blessing of God follows them, in turning the hearts of parents to their children, and of children to their parents. We would that this blessed institution called forth the efforts and prayers of all the churches under our care, an hundred fold. We would wish christians never to forget, that in our Sabbath Schools is to be found the future Zion of God. Here are her future officers and her future members.

As to the cause of Temperance, and efforts to rescue our Lord's day from growing profanation, we are pleased to learn that the churches under our care have not been unmindful in consecrating to both their prayers and example.

On the subject of Education, the efforts of the past are exceeded by no preceding year; and besides the unwonted prosperity of the College at Cannonsburgh, it is with pleasure that we announce the resuscitation of the College at Washington, under truly flattering auspices.

The Tract cause, we regret to say, has deplorably declined during



the past year. The plan of the monthly distribution of Tracts, which has been adopted in many places with signal success, so far as we can ascertain, has almost, if not entirely, been laid aside throughout our bounds.

From all our Presbyteries we hear the complaint, that iniquity abounds; the love of many waxes cold; that many professed disciples of a holy Savior have but his name, not his spirit; monthly concerts and social prayer meetings but thinly attended; the holy Sabbath publicly desecrated by sinners, and but laxly observed by many professing christians; that intemperance still alarmingly prevails; and with unmixed sorrow we learn, that this sin, upon whose horrid front God has written "damnation," is patronized and perpetuated by members and even officers in our churches, who consume, make and vend its only aliment—ardent spirits. We would affectionately reiterate the appeal from the General Assembly, and earnestly entreat all such individuals, by the love of Christ, and by the value of immortal souls, that they immediately reform, or renounce their profession of having the spirit of Him who sacrificed his life to save the souls of men.

In view of the above sins and the barrenness of many of our churches, are we not solemnly called upon to be more prayerful, more faithful, and more devoted in the work of the Lord, to humble ourselves under God's mighty hand, that his just judgments may not be poured out upon us on account of our sins; to supplicate their pardon and removal, and earnestly beseech his face once more to shine upon us, and to revive the churches of his Son. Then, indeed, shall our Zion lay aside her mourning apparel and rejoice as in the days of her espousals.

Finally, dear brethren, in closing this narrative, we desire not to forget the responsibility the glorious Head of the church has imposed upon us, from our very location, to redouble our prayers and benefactions in behalf of the School of the Prophets located in our bounds, that it may speedily be filled to overflowing, with suitable candidates for the sacred office. In the providence of God, this Synod, stationed at the head of the great Western Valley, is destined to wield a mighty influence over a new world. Our place of ordinary meeting, is the commercial centre of more than eight thousand miles of steamboat navigation. God, in his providence, seems to have almost annihilated distance, and chained together this vast region, through the instrumentality of this single mechanical power. Who does not perceive, that a region of country possessing such mighty physical and commercial resources, must in a few years—does even now—wield a gigantic influence! What christian does not tremble, until such herculean energy becomes sanctified—is in whole or in part consecrated to bless, and not to blight and wither the church of his Redeemer?

But that which throws a ten-fold deeper interest around this Western Valley, at whose responsible pass God has stationed this Synod, is its amazing and unparalleled increase of the population.

It is no longer the hunting-ground of a few scattered Indian tribes, but a comparatively populous and infant empire. The men are living, and some of them have but just passed the meridian of their strength, who felled the first trees, and built the first log-cabins where populous cities now stand. The minister, a member of this Synod, is yet living who first sounded the silver trumpet of the gospel, and broke the first loaf of the bread of life to a handful, convened in a log-barn, west of the Ohio. Thirty years ago, and the population of the Valley was only 380,000; in ten years, it was nearly 1,000,000; in 1820, 2,500,000; and now, somewhere near 5,000,000. This is an increase in more than a duplicate ratio, every ten years. At this rate, in twenty-five years, there will be a population west of the Allegheny Mountains, of 20,000,000; which, allowing one pastor to 1,000 souls, would require 20,000 ministers, *i. e.* nearly triple the whole number of evangelical ministers, of every denomination in the United States. With such prospects before us, recollecting that in 1824, it was computed by the lamented Dr. Rice, of Virginia, that not less than 5,000,000 of our countrymen were destitute, since which time our population has been swelling at the amazing rate of more than a congregation of 1,000 souls per day, calling upon the church for 2,120 ministers within the last six years, can we close our eyes or steel our hearts against the overwhelming responsibilities of this portion of God's heritage, privileged and placed as we are?

Dear brethren, can we keep the sacred fire ever burning upon our own altars, and send down this immense Valley 1,000 torch-bearers, to light up for the first time as many altars, and do no more than we have done? Will our present efforts anything like contribute our proportion towards supplying the prodigious draughts of ministers, imperatively needed to prevent relapsing into heathenism so many unevangelized millions? If, then, we are to share in the labor and expense and, we may add, the honor and privilege, of preserving the western churches from becoming pastorless, and of sending the messengers to scores of thousands, who will cry but little longer for help, as the tomb is fast closing upon them forever, does not a necessity—imperious as the grave, wide as the pinching wants of the starving West, and impressive as the judgment day—rest upon us, to lay all our energies under contribution? In view of these, does it not become the church within our bounds, to “arise and be doing, that the Lord may be with us?”

Let each member of the church, no matter what his station, be ready to say—“Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?” And the Lord grant, that “what our hands find to do, we may do it with our might.”

The committee on Sabbath Schools reported. The report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

## SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The committee appointed to prepare a report to the American Sunday School Union, in relation to what has been done in the bounds of this Synod, for supplying every practicable place with a Sabbath School, respectfully report:

In the spring of 1830, the commissioners from the Presbyteries comprising the Synod of Pittsburgh, pledged to the Sunday School Union, in behalf of the Synod, that Sabbath Schools should be established in every place that was practicable, throughout their constitutional limits. The Synod, at their next meeting, assumed the responsibility of redeeming the pledge thus given; and recommended to their several Presbyteries, to take order on the subject, that the important object might be accomplished. At the meeting of Synod, this fall, the various Presbyteries reported what had been done within their respective bounds. It appears from the reports given in, that nearly in all our Presbyteries measures have been and are still in operation, for the redeeming of the pledge. Sabbath Schools have been established in a great number of destitute places. Old Schools have, in a number of instances, been revived. There are but few regions of country, in our bounds, that have not been attended to. A new impulse has been given to this glorious work, and it is confidently expected, that before the expiration of the time for accomplishing the work, the pledge will be fully redeemed. The most of the Schools that have been formed are furnished with libraries.

In the prosecution of this enterprise, although there has been opposition manifested from various sources, yet the Synod rejoice to state, that it has been decreasing. Persons of different denominations, and even infidels, have sent their children to these places of instruction. As to the beneficial results arising from these nurseries of the church, the Synod are glad to state, that through their instrumentality a number of teachers and scholars, during the past year, have become hopefully pious.

It appears that several infant Sabbath Schools have been established within their limits, which are in a prosperous condition, producing a salutary effect upon the infant mind. The Synod at present, is not prepared to give the statistical details, or to mention the exact progress of the work. But as they have made it the duty of the respective Presbyteries, to communicate directly to the Sunday School Union, the state of the work in their bounds, before the end of the time for redeeming the pledge, it may be expected that all the necessary information will be given in due time.

The Stated Clerk was directed to forward a copy of this report, to the American Sabbath School Union.

The committee on Synodical representation, to the General Assembly, reported. The report was accepted.

On motion, Resolved, That the consideration of it, be postponed for the present, and it be recommended to the early attention of Synod, at their next meeting.

The judicial committee, reported a complaint of Dr. James Snodgrass, against a decision of the Presbytery of Ohio. The report was accepted, and it was resolved, that Synod now proceed to the consideration of the complaint. The complainant not being present, and it being intimated by a member, that he, the complainant, had requested the Synod, to appoint a person, to conduct the business in his absence. Synod appointed the Rev. James Graham, to perform that service.

Synod having pursued the order prescribed in the book of discipline, the roll was called to afford every member an opportunity to express his opinion in the case.

On motion, Resolved, That the decision of the Presbytery, be, and the same hereby is affirmed.

Resolved, That the minutes of Synod, be printed in the "Christian Herald," and the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Stockton, T. D. Baird and S. C. Jennings, were appointed a committee, to superintend them for publication.

Resolved, That when Synod adjourn, they will adjourn to meet at Washington, on the 3d Wednesday of October next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

Resolved, That in consequence of the peculiar circumstances of the Board of Trust, of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, the operations of the constitution of said Society, be so far suspended for the present, that the Board be allowed to choose a Treasurer, who is not a member of the Board.

Resolved, That Messrs. Hoge and Elliott, the committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society, be continued, and that they report to Synod at its next meeting.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, will meet in this place, immediately after the rising of Synod, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Resolved, That all the disposable funds of the Western Missionary Society, be transferred to the Board of Directors, of the Western Foreign Missionary Society.

Synod adjourned to meet at Washington, on the 3d Wednesday of October next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with singing, prayer, and the Apostolical benediction.

The following appeal, from the decision of Synod, in his case, was lodged by Dr. James Snodgrass, with the Moderator of Synod.

## APPEAL.

"I hereby appeal to the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, complaining of a decision of the Synod of Pittsburgh, affirming a decision of the Presbytery of Ohio, affirming a decision of the Session of Bethany, in which Dr. James Snodgrass, was suspended from the privileges of the Church, until he profess sorrow, and submit to an admonition, and which decision, I deem unjust and severe, and the proceedings of the judicatory in arriving at it, unconstitutional and partial, for the following reasons, viz:

1st. In the proceedings of said session, neither *common rumor*, nor any *individual* prosecutor, appeared against me, but the Session were the prosecutors, witnesses and Judges.

2d. In the proceedings of Session, the document purporting to be a charge against me, there are no specifications, or times and places mentioned, thereby, precluding an opportunity of proving an alibi, or alleviating my offence, if I had offended.

3d. In the proceedings of Session, I was unjustly refused the privilege of introducing, constitutional testimony by my witnesses.

4th. In the proceedings of Session, they took up a matter, that had been by the act of said Session and Pastor, reconciled and settled, and my conduct, in that case, was not subsequently censurable.

5th. In the proceedings of Session, they unconstitutionally admitted hearsay testimony, and the thoughts or opinions of the witnesses.

6th. In the proceedings, as appears from the records, the Session in the preamble of their proceedings, expressed a judgment already formed against me, and thereby disqualified themselves, to sit constitutionally, as judges in my case, yet they subsequently sat as my only judges.

7th. In the proceedings, the Session admitted the person, who had declined sitting as Moderator, to act as their Clerk; put the questions to the witnesses, and afterwards to appear before the Presbytery to defend their proceedings.

JAMES S. NODGRASS.

REV. D. ELLIOTT, *Moderator of Synod.*

Nov. 2, 1831.

In General Assembly, June 1st, 1852, thus far examined and approved.

JAMES HOGG, *Moderator.*

WASHINGTON, PA. October 17, A. D., 1832.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon, by the Rev. David Elliott, the Moderator of the last year, from Luke, 10: 18. "And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Constituted with prayer.

The following members were present, viz:

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

Of the Presbytery of Redstone.—The Rev. Messrs. Robert Johnston, James Guthrie, William Johnston, Ashbel G. Fairchild, Asa Crooks, George Vanemon, Andrew O. Patterson, Alexander M'Candless, Robert Henry and Joel Stoneroad; with the Elders, Messrs. George Plummer, J. J. Cowan, Dr. Hugh Campbell and John Smith.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio.—The Rev. John M'Millan, D. D., Boyd Mercer, Samuel Ralston, D. D., William Woods, Robert Patterson, Moses Allen, Thomas D. Baird, Allan D. Campbell, William Jeffery, William Smith, Job F. Halsey, Lemuel F. Leake, William B. M'Ilvaine and Alfred Hamilton: with the Elders, Messrs. Aaron Kerr, Harmar Denny, William Courtney, Edward M'Donald, John Snodgrass, George Denniston, John Lindsey, Alexander Semple, Francis G. Bailey and William Colmery.

Of the Presbytery of Erie.—The Rev. Samuel Tait, Johnston Eaton, Wells Bushnell, Peter Hassinger and Pierce Chamberlain.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford.—The Rev. Thomas E. Hughes, Clement Valandingham, Joshua Beer, James Wright, Ward Stafford, William Reed, William M'Clean, Robert Dilworth and William O. Strattan; with the Elders, Messrs. Samuel M'Clelland, William M'Clelland and Nathaniel Porter.

Of the Presbytery of Washington.—The Rev. John Anderson, D. D., Elisha Macurdy, Cephas Dodd, James Hervey, Thomas Hoge, David Elliott, John Stockton, John M'Cluskey, David Hervey, James M'Kennan, Richard Campbell, William C. Anderson, John Hales, John H. Agnew, David M'Conaughy, William D. Smith; with the Elders, Messrs. Joseph M'Ferran, William Wallace, John Duncan, Nathan Axtell, David Stewart, Barnet Bond, Robert Officer, Walter Craig, George Sutherland, Henry Giles, John Hosack and Thomas Orr.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville.—The Rev. John Rhea, James Robertson, Thomas Hunt, Charles C. Beatty, William Wallace, J. M'Arthur and Benjamin Mitchell; with the Elders, Messrs. Daniel Potter, Cyrus Day, Joseph Grimes and David M'Williams.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny.—The Rev. Cyrus Riggs, John Core, John Munson, John Coulter, John Moore, John Glenn and James Campbell; with the Elders, Messrs. John Massit, Robert Graham and Benjamin Gardner.

Of the Presbytery of Blairsville.—The Rev. John Reed and Samuel M'Ferran; with the Elder, Mr. John Dickie.

## MEMBERS ABSENT,

Of the Presbytery of Redstone.—The Rev. S. H. Terry and Cyrus B. Bristol.

Of the Presbytery of Ohio.—The Rev. John Anderson, Francis Herron, D. D. Joseph Stockton, Luther Halsey, John Joyce, Elisha P. Swift, David Stevens, John K. Cunningham, James D. Ray, Samuel C. Jennings and John H. Kennedy.

Of the Presbytery of Erie.—The Rev. Amos Chase, Ira Condit, Giles Doolittle, Absalom M'Cready, Thomas Anderson, James Alexander, George A. Lyon, Edson Hart, Bradford Marcy, George W. Hampson and Robert Glenn.

Of the Presbytery of Hartford.—The Rev. James Satterfield, William Woods, Robert Semple, William Nesbet and Joseph Harper.

Of the Presbytery of Washington.—The Rev. George M. Scott, John Hawkins and William P. Alrich.

Of the Presbytery of Steubenville.—The Rev. Joseph Anderson, Abraham Scott, Jacob Cozad, Salmon Cowles, John C. Tidball, Jacob Coon and James Smith.

Of the Presbytery of Allegheny.—The Rev. Abraham Boyd, Robert M'Garrah, Reed Bracken, J. Reddick and Hezekiah May.

Of the Presbytery of Blairsville.—The Rev. Joseph W. Henderson, David Barclay, James Graham, Francis Laird, Jesse Smith, Thomas Davis, Samuel Swan, John H. Kirkpatrick, Elisha D. Barret and Watson Hughes.

The Rev. Thomas Hoge, was chosen Clerk and the Rev. Charles C. Beatty assistant Clerk.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, in the College Hall. Concluded with prayer.

## THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, 1832.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Thomas D. Baird, was chosen Moderator.

The Rev. Jacob Cozad, Salmon Cowles and James Smith; and Messrs. Alexander Boyd and William Simpson, Elders, now appeared and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the Rev. Messrs. Asa Brooks, George Vanemon, Robert Henry, John M'Millan, D. D. Boyd Mercer, Cephas Dodd, John H. Agnew and John Reed, assigned reasons for absence from the meeting; the Rev. Pierce Chamberlin for absence from THREE, and the Rev. Jacob Cozad for absence from *four meetings*, which were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. John K. Cunningham, Samuel C. Jennings, Jacob Coon and James Alexander, now appeared and gave reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

The Presbytery of Blairsville, reported their proceedings in the case of the Rev. David Lewis, a foreign minister from the congre-

gational Association of Shaffordshire, England, which were sustained as regular, and the credentials of Mr. Lewis having been read, on motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Lewis be received as a member in good standing.

The Rev. Messrs. David M'Conaughy, Clement Valandingham, John Coulter, Samuel M'Ferran, Ashbel G. Fairchild, Moses Allen and Wells Bushnell; with the Elders, Messrs. Aaron Kerr, Samuel M'Clelland and Joseph Grimes, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet in this place immediately after the adjournment, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. David Elliott, James Wright, John Rhea, Allen D. Campbell, John Munson, and Johnston Eaton; with the Elders, Messrs. George Plummer, Robert Officer and Robert Graham, were appointed a judicial committee, to meet in this place, immediately after the adjournment, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Resolved, that the periods of adjournment, during the remaining sessions of Synod, shall be at half-past 12, and half-past 5 o'clock, P. M.

Synod adjourned to meet in the church, at half-past 2 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### HALF PAST 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Francis Herron, D. D., George A. Lyon, William Nesbitt and Samuel Swan; and Mr. John M'Connell, Elder, now appeared, and gave reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

The Rev. William M'Guffy, of the Synod of Cincinnati, and the Rev. Samuel Montgomery, of the Synod of Philadelphia, being present, and invited, took their seats as corresponding members.

The committee of Bills and Overtures, reported Overture No. 1, viz: "A request from the Presbytery of Steubenville," which was accepted, and committed to the Rev. Messrs. Charles C. Beatty and W. D. Smith.

The following committees were appointed to examine the Presbyterial records, viz:

The Records of the Presbytery of Redstone, Messrs. J. M'Kenna and W. Smith; Of Ohio, Messrs. S. Tait and George Vancmon; Of Erie, A. O. Patterson and W. B. M'Irvine; Of Hartford, J. Hervey and J. Coon; Of Washington, S. Ralston and J. Wright; Of Steubenville, W. M'Clean and J. Stockton; Of Allegheny, L. F. Leake and J. M'Cluskey; Of Blairsville, R. Patterson and D. Hervey.

The judicial committee reported an appeal, marked No. 1, viz: An appeal of the Rev. Nathaniel R. Snowden, from a decision of the Presbytery of Allegheny. The report was accepted, and it was resolved, that Synod now proceed to the consideration of the appeal.



At the request of Mr. Snowden, the Rev. A. O. Patterson, was appointed to assist him in conducting his appeal.

The Rev. Messrs. Elliott, M'Curdy and Campbell, were appointed a committee, to make arrangements, for such religious exercises, as the Synod shall think proper to observe, during their present sessions.

The Rev. Messrs. William Jeffery and Robert Johnston, were appointed a committee, to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly, and report what parts thereof, may require the attention of this Synod.

The judicial committee, reported "A Complaint from the Presbytery of Erie," which was made the order of the day, for to-morrow forenoon.

On motion, Resolved, that receiving reports on the state of religion, within the bounds of Synod, be the order of the day, for to-morrow afternoon, and that receiving Presbyterian reports, shall be the next business that will be attended to.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Oct. 19.

Synod met agreeably to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Absalom M'Cready and Mr. Samuel Brice, Elder, now appeared, and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained. Mr. M'Cready also gave reasons for absence, from the last two meetings of Synod, which were sustained.

The committee on the "arrangement and order of religious exercises," reported. The report was adopted.

The committee appointed on Overture No. 1, viz: "a request from the Presbytery of Steubenville," reported. The report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed on Overture No. 1, report, that without detaching any territorial ground, from the Presbytery of Washington the request from Dilly's Bottom, be so far granted, as to dismiss such members of the church of Grave Creek, as reside on the west side of the Ohio river, to be formed into a new Church, by the Presbytery of Steubenville, with permission to the remaining members, either to continue in their present organization, or to join neighboring churches, according to their convenience.

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz: the "appeal of the Rev. Nathaniel R. Snowden, from a decision of the Presbytery, of Allegheny" was resumed.

Synod having pursued the course directed in the Book of Discipline, in taking up and trying appeals, the parties were then fully heard; and the roll having been called, to afford every member an opportunity to express his opinion on the case, the final vote was then taken, when the appeal was sustained, for the following reasons, viz:

1st. A defect in the testimony, on which the Presbytery decided.

2d. From strong indication of mental alienation, exhibited at sundry times, by the appellant.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the Presbyteries of Redstone, Ohio, Hartford, Washington, Steubenville, Allegheny and Blairsvills, reported. The reports were severally accepted, and the records approved.

The Rev. Messrs. A. O. Patterson, William Johnston, Thomas E. Hughes, Robert Henry, John Hales and Joel Stoneroad; with the Elders, Messrs. Plummer, Denny, Kerr, Campbell, M'Ferran and Hosack, obtained leave of absence, from the remaining sessions of Synod.

\* Resolved, That the order of the day, for this afternoon, be postponed, for the purpose of taking up the complaint from the Presbytery of Erie, which had been made the order of the day, for this forenoon.

The judicial committee reported an appeal from a decision of the Presbytery of Blairsville, by Joseph Henderson, endorsed No. 3, which was accepted.

The consideration of the report, of the judicial committee, endorsed No. 2, was taken up, and after some discussion, arising from the absence of the records of the Presbytery of Erie, or attested copies thereof, On motion, the papers were re-committed to the said committee.

Synod now proceeded to receive reports from the different Presbyteries, on the state of religion within their bounds; and the Rev. Messrs. J. H. Agnew and J. F. Halsey, were appointed a committee to prepare therefrom a condensed narrative.

The judicial committee, to whom was re-committed the papers, relating to the complaint of a minority, of the Presbytery of Erie, reported "a protest subscribed by sundry members of that Presbytery, accompanied with a notice of a complaint, which was accepted.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Elisha P. Swift, now appeared, and his reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The Rev. Messrs. Mercer and Beatty, with Messrs. Giles, Smith and Graham, Elders; obtained leave of absence, from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. Herron, M'Conaughy, Tait, Hunt and M'Clean; with Messrs. Courtney and Duncan, Elders; were appointed a committee, to consider what means shall be recommended, to be employed by the ministers and people, within the bounds of Synod, for the purpose of promoting the success of the means of grace, and a revival of religion.

Synod, agreeably to a previous resolution, now engaged in the religious exercises, appointed for this forenoon, and a considerable portion of it, was employed in prayer, praise, reading the scriptures and exhortation.

Synod proceeded to the consideration of the complaint, from the Presbytery of Erie; when the following preamble and resolution, were adopted, viz:

Whereas, a protest and complaint, have been laid before Synod, by a minority of the Presbytery of Erie, in relation to a decision of that Presbytery; and whereas, the records of the proceedings of that Presbytery, in the case are not present; and whereas, the matters involved in the proceedings of said Presbytery, are such as are alleged, deeply to affect the peace and purity of the church; and the parties in the case express a strong desire to have it disposed of at the present meeting; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire, whether the complaint can be taken up by Synod, in the absence of the records? and if not, whether there be any other constitutional mode, by which the matter complained of can be taken up, and acted upon?

The following persons were appointed on that committee. The Rev. Messrs. L. F. Leake, S. Ralston, F. Herron, D. Elliott and D. M'Conaughy.

Synod adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. Nomination of ministers and Elders, to supply the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, were made, and it was ordered that Synod will proceed to the election on to-morrow morning.

Resolved, That those Presbyteries, which have not attended to the election of Directors to the Western Foreign Missionary Society, be directed to attend to that business at their next meetings, and communicate the result to the Secretary of the Board, as early as possible.

The Rev. James Wright, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

A committee of the Board of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, presented to Synod the following recommendation, which was adopted and is as follows, viz:

Resolved, 1st, That this committee respectfully request the Synod, to recommend to all the churches within their bounds, where such recommendation may be applicable, the observance of the monthly concert of prayer, and a particular remembrance, in the supplications of that interesting season, of the Missionaries about to embark for Africa, under the direction of the Western Foreign Missionary Society.

2d Resolved, That they also, be requested to designate the first

Monday in December next, as a season, when the churches within their bounds may especially offer their prayers to the God of Missions, in behalf of this important enterprise, and to invite all the friends of the Lord Jesus, throughout the Presbyterian church, to unite with them in this appointment.

A communication, signed by the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Cincinnati, and addressed to the Moderator of this Synod, was read. On motion it was committed to the Rev. Messrs. Elliott, Anderson, Ralston, Herron and M'Conaughy, to report thereon as soon as convenient.

Synod now resumed the receiving reports of the Presbyteries, on the state of religion within their bounds. On motion,

Resolved, That the conduct of the Presbyteries of Redstone and Steubenville, in not presenting to Synod written reports, on the state of religion within their bounds, be and it is hereby disapproved, and that the Stated Clerk, transmit to each of those Presbyteries a copy of this Resolution.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Erie, reported, that the records of said Presbytery were not present, and requested to be discharged. Their request was granted.

Synod proceeded to the consideration of the appeal of Joseph Henderson, from a decision of the Presbytery of Blairsville. The appellant not being present, the Rev. John Reed, was appointed to conduct his appeal.

Synod having pursued the course directed in the Book of Discipline, in taking up and trying appeals, the parties having been fully heard and the roll called, the final vote was taken; when the appeal was sustained, for the following reasons, viz:

1st. Because the charges of slander and falshood preferred against the appellant, were not substantiated by the testimony.

2d. That, although from the view of the case, as presented to Synod, the appellant appears to have been chargeable with some degree of imprudence, and with having made an unintentional misrepresentation; yet as the appellant seems to have been influenced by no improper motives, he ought to have been subjected to no direct censure in the case.

Resolved, That it be enjoined on the several Presbyteries, composing this Synod, to take such order, as that the representation, as well lay as clerical, to the next General Assembly, may be as full as possible.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society, reported, that they had attended to that duty, and found a balance on the Books of the contingent fund, in favor of the Treasurer, of \$697.69, and that this balance has been transferred to his credit, on the Books of the permanent fund, agreeably to a resolution of the last Synod.

The committee appointed on the protest and complaint from the Presbytery of Erie, reported. The report was adopted, and the subject referred to Drs. M'Millan, Anderson, Ralston, Herron and Mr. M'Conaughy. The report is as follows, viz:

The committee upon the complaint of a minority of the Presbytery of Erie, report; that whereas, a complaint was presented to Synod by a minority of the Presbytery of Erie. That on the examination of a sermon preached and published by a member of said Presbytery, alleged to contain "sentiments not in accordance with our confession of Faith, and the word of God," after considerable discussion, the subject was disposed of, by an indefinite postponement, contrary to the wishes of the minority. By neglect of the Presbytery, all the records in that case were not produced, yet as the original complaint, certified by the Clerk of Presbytery, embraces, substantially all the facts recorded in that case, and in this, all the members of said Presbytery, now present, agree,—and whereas, the peace of said Presbytery, and the interests of religion seem to require, imperiously an early expression of the opinion of Synod in relation to said sermon; therefore the committee recommended that Synod appoint a committee to examine said sermon, and report thereon as soon as convenient. The persons above named, were appointed this committee, who presented the following report, which was adopted, viz:

The committee appointed to examine a sermon referred to by the complaint from the Presbytery of Erie, report:

That having, so far as their very limited time would admit, examined said sermon, they do not feel prepared to say that the author entertains and intended to teach doctrines manifestly at variance with our Confession of Faith, and with the Word of God: yet, as many of the expressions are used so incautiously, and apparently in contradiction to each other, as to leave the meaning very doubtful and capable of being misunderstood, and of leading men to presume on their own efficiency, to the neglect of divine power, in their conversion to God. For this reason the committee feel constrained to express their disapprobation of said sermon.

The committee, moreover, cannot forbear to express their decided disapprobation of the disposition, so common and manifest in this sermon, to employ in the expression of divine truth terms derived from metaphysical science, instead of the language of the Bible; which has proved the fruitful cause of errors and controversies, which distract the church, dishonor religion, hinder the success of the cause of Christ, and give occasion to its adversaries to rejoice.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly, and report what parts thereof would require the attention of Synod, reported, that they had examined the minutes, and had not found anything which in their opinion would require the attention of Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. Jeffery, R. Johnston and Dr. Ralston, were appointed a committee to examine the minutes adopted by Synod at a former meeting, relative to the admission to the communion of our church, of members of other churches, who held doctrines contrary to those taught in our standards; and to report whether any further regulations are necessary to be adopted by this Synod, on that subject.

On inquiry, it appeared that the Presbyteries had generally attended to the recommendation of Synod, in relation to the cause of Education. That all of them either were, or shortly would become, auxiliary to the General Assembly's Board of Education; and that in most of them, congregations had been formed into Education Societies, auxiliary to the same Board, many of which were now supporting beneficiaries at different Seminaries.

Resolved, That the recommendation to the Presbyteries, to pay a careful attention to the Education cause, be renewed; and to have as many congregations under their care as possible, formed into Education Societies.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Oct. 23, 1832.

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

Synod proceeded to the election of four Directors, to fill up the vacancies in the Board of the Western Foreign Missionary Society. On counting the votes, it appeared that the Rev. Messrs. Thos. D. Baird and Robert Patterson; and Messrs. Richard Edwards and Francis G. Bailey, Elders, were elected.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to inquire into the expediency of collecting and perpetuating important facts connected with the character and history of ministers who are deceased, or who may hereafter de cease, within the bounds of this Synod, with a view to furnish contributions to the future history of the church; and if expedient, to devise and recommend to Synod the best mode of accomplishing that object; and that they report at the next meeting of Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. David Elliott, Luther Halsey, David M'Conaughy, E. P. Swift and T. D. Baird, were appointed the committee to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

The Rev. Luther Halsey now appeared, and assigned reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

The Rev. Joshua T. Russell, of the Synod of Philadelphia, being presenti and being invited, took his seat as a corresponding member.

The Rev. Joshua T. Russell, the Cor. Sec. and General Agent of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, having addressed the Synod at considerable length, on the wants of the Board, it was agreed that a subscription paper be drawn up and placed on the table, to afford an opportunity for the members present to subscribe for themselves and their congregations, such sums as they will pledge themselves to have collected and paid over, between this and the next annual meeting of Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. R. Johnston, J. F. Halsey and M'Cluskey were appointed a committee, to devise the best means of communicating the foregoing subject to the absent members, so that an efficient co-operation by all members and congregations within the bounds of this Synod, may be brought about.

Resolved, That receiving the annual report of the Board of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, be the order of the day for this afternoon.

The committee on a former resolution of Synod, on the subject of intercommunion, reported. The report was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee are of opinion, that for Presbyterians to hold communion in sealing ordinances, with those who belong to churches holding doctrines contrary to our standards, is incompatible with the purity and peace of the church, and highly prejudicial to the "truth as it is in Jesus." Nor can such intercommunion answer any valuable purpose, as two cannot walk together unless they are agreed.

In accordance with these views, your committee are of opinion, that the practice of inviting to the communion all who are in good standing in their own churches, is calculated to do much evil, and should not be countenanced; while every church Session is, however, left at liberty to admit to occasional communion, members of other denominations, after having conversed with them, and received satisfaction as to their soundness in the faith and christian practice.

Your committee are also of opinion, that the peace and purity of the church would be promoted by a uniform adherence to the ancient custom of using tokens in admission to the table of the Lord.

The annual report of the Board of Directors of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, was presented, and read in part in Synod.

Resolved, That the report be accepted, and the conduct of the executive committee of said Board, approved.

Resolved, That this report be referred to the executive committee, and that it be printed in pamphlet form, with such amendments, and additions as will bring the history of the doings of the Board, down to the present time.

On inquiry, it appeared that the members had not generally attended to the recommendation of Synod last year, with respect to taking up collections in their respective congregations, in aid of the funds, of the Western Theological Seminary.

The committee to whom was referred the communication, signed by the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Cincinnati, reported. The report after considerable discussion, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee, to whom was referred an "Extract from the minutes of the Synod of Cincinnati," on the subject of the division of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, by the last General Assembly, beg leave to report, and to recommend to Synod, the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the division of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, on the ground assumed by the last General Assembly, is in the opinion of Synod, unconstitutional; and that the principle of "elective

affinity," recognized by the Assembly, as a rule of proceeding in that case, is one, against which this Synod, would earnestly remonstrate; because it is, as they believe, calculated, in its operation, to sow dissension in the Church, and greatly impair, if not destroy, her integrity; and at the same time, to hold up to the world, the acknowledged fact, that brethren of the same church, cannot "dwell together in unity," to the great disgrace of the cause, and ministry of Christ.

Resolved, moreover, that the Assembly be respectfully requested, to take such order on the subject, as will tend to prevent (as far as practicable,) the evil consequences, which might arise from this proceeding, of the last Assembly, and guard it from being adduced, as a precedent, for similar proceedings, on the part of future Assemblies, or any other of the judicatories of the Church.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of devising the best means of communicating to the absent members of this Synod, what Synod wishes them to do, in co-operating with the Board of Missions, of the General Assembly, in their great objects, reported. The report was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

On motion, Resolved, that this Synod deeply impressed with the importance of domestic missions, and of the necessity of sustaining the Assembly's Board, in their benevolent operations, do earnestly recommend this subject, to the prompt and zealous attention of the ministers and churches under their care.

And to render this recommendation efficient, the Secretary and General Agent, of the Board, is respectfully requested to furnish, at least, an outline of the address on the subject delivered before this Synod, to be published in the "Christian Herald," together with the doings of the Synod on this subject; and that the Presbyteries take order thereon, at their next meeting.

The Rev. Messrs. Hunt and J. F. Halsey, with the Elders, Messrs. Day, Potter and Semple, obtained leave of absence, after the session of this afternoon.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk, be directed to transmit forthwith, to the Synod of Philadelphia, at Lewistown, Pa., an attested copy of the minutes, in the case of the communication from the Synod of Cincinnati.

The Rev. Messrs. Valandingham and M'Candless, with Mr. Cowan, Elder, obtained leave of absence, from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, HALF PAST 8 O'CLOCK.

Synod met and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Bushnell, Brooks, and Mr. Bailey, Elder; obtained leave of absence, from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative on the state of



religion, within the bounds of this Synod, reported. The report was accepted, and adopted, and the narrative ordered to be published in the "Christian Herald."

Resolved, That the recommendation, be renewed to the churches, within the bounds of Synod, to take up collections, on the fourth of July next, in aid of the funds of the American Colonization Society.

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Baird, Herron and R. Patterson, be a committee, to select such parts of the minutes, as they may consider proper to be published, and that they superintend the publication.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Ministers and Elders, belonging to this Synod, to meet together monthly, or frequently, to report on the state of religion, in their respective neighborhoods to pray together, and to confer on the best means of promoting the interests of religion, in their different congregations; and that this resolution be appended to the narrative on the state of religion.

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Jeffery and Baird, be a committee, to select such parts of the minutes, as will require the attention of the next Synod, and prepare a docket therefrom, with references to the Records, for the use of the Synod, in the coming year.

Resolved, That the estate of the late Obadiah Jennings, be released from the payment of a claim, which the Western Missionary Society had against him, and which has been transferred to the Western Foreign Missionary Society, and that the Secretary furnish the Treasurer with such release.

Resolved, That the estate of the late Ezekiel Glasgow, be also released from a claim, which the late Western Missionary Society, held against him in his life time.

Resolved, That the moneys remaining in the permanent funds of the late Western Missionary Society, be transferred to the Western Foreign Missionary Society, as a permanent fund.

Resolved, That when Synod adjourn, they will adjourn to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, in the City of Pittsburgh, on the 3d Wednesday in October next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk, shall furnish to the different Presbyteries, printed blanks, for their statistical reports, and that the expense be defrayed from the Synodical fund.

The following statistical reports were presented by the several Presbyteries, viz :

No. 1. THE PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE. This Presbytery consists of 12 members, and has under its care 26 Congregations, 1 Licentiate and 2 Candidates.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNIC'TS.		BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.						
		Added last y'r.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.			Contributors.		Education.	
							D.	C.	D.	C.	D.		C.
Robert Johnston,...	Rehoboth,.....	6	5	140	1	8	9	18	75	5	33	2	00
James Guthrie,...	Laurel Hill & Tyrone,...	36	4	240	5	19	24	81	90	11	75	6	75
William Johnston,...	Brownsville & Dunlap's Creek,.....	29	2	202	7	21	28	40	00	5	00	2	00
A. G. Fairchild,...	George's Creek, Tent, French Creek,.....	14	2	306	6	16	22			3	00		
Asa Brooks, S. S.,...	Clarksburgh,.....	7	3	75	4	10	14			6	00		
Geo. Vancmon,...	New Providence, Jelfer- son,.....	28	4	122	6	43	49	8	00	5	00	2	00
A. O. Patterson,...	Mount Pleasant and Se- wickly,.....	13	8	356	6	20	26	64	75	8	00	10	50
Alex. M'Candless,...	Long Run & M'Keesport,	29	7	263	9	41	50	26	00	5	00	10	00
Robt. Henry,...	Greensburg and Unity,	20	6	333	5	22	27	50	00			2	00
S. H. Terry,...	Somerset and Genner ..	18		87	1	20	21						
C. B. Bristol, S. S.,...	Middletown,.....	25	6	58	5	32	37			1	50		
Joel Stonerod,...	Uniontown,.....	19	1	103	3	5	8	38	75	4	50		
Vacant. {	Round Hill,.....	8	4	79	2	19	21	11	50	3	50		
	Morgantown,.....	31		117				22	00				
	Sandy Creek,.....	38	5	50	15	1	16						
		321	57	2531	63	277	352	341	65	60	00	35	25

Contributions to the Theol. Sem.—Rehoboth, \$45.00; Laurel Hill and Tyrone, \$53.00; Brownsville and Dunlap, \$115.00; Mt. Pleasant and Sewickly, \$151.00; Long Run and M'Keesport, \$100.00.

Connellsville and Indian Creek, steadily supplied.

J. T. Ewing, Licentiate. John W. Johnston, candidate.

The Presbytery further report, that on the 14th of December last, they ordained the Rev. Joel Stonerod and installed him pastor of the congregation of Uniontown; on the same day, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Robert Johnston and the congregation of Roundhill, and on the 4th day of April last, they received the Rev. Cyrus B. Bristol, from the Presbytery of Bedford. Signed,

ROBERT JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

October 15th, 1832.

No. 2. THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO. This Presbytery consists of 26 members, and has under its care 27 Congregations, 7 licentiates, and 7 candidates.

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.					
		Added last y'r		Total in Com.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.		Commiss'rs.		Theo. Sem.	
		On Exa.	On Cert.					D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
John Andrews, w. c.	Duff' and Sewickly.	8		128	2	10	12	575		126			
Sam'l. Ralston, D. D.	Mingo Creek and Williamsport.	7	2	209	2	14	16	106	50	12	50		
William Woods, w. c.	Bethel, vacant.	7	2	167	1	5	6	40	62	10	00		
Francis Herron, D. D.	1st Church, Pitts-												
	burgh.	48	17	429	8	36	44	271	06	15	50	1574	50
M. Brown, D. D.	S. S. Canonsburgh,	10	24	145		7	7	60	00	10	00		
R. Patterson, s. s.	Highlands,	7	3	169		16	16	15	35	10	00	15	45
Moses Allen,	Raceon,	11	21	338		16	16	60	00	10	00	57	50
T. D. Baird,	Lebanon,	4	3	139		9	9			10	00	15	00
A. D. Campbell,	1st Ch. N. L. Pitts.,	20	30	50		6	6	24	06	10	00		
Elisha P. Swift,	2d Church, Pittsb'g	23	36	385	3	30	33	301	77	10	50	160	50
L. F. Leake,	Chartier's,	27	5	103	4	27	31	61	87	10	00	231	00
W. Jeffery,	Bethany,	16	4	184	5	28	33	63	00	10	00	73	00
J. F. Halsey,	1st Ch., Allegheny-												
	town,	50	46	166	4	28	32						
J. K. Cunningham,	Montour's.	24	18	260	7	30	37	75	10	10	00	50	00
S. C. Jennings,	Sharon & Montu												
	Pisgah,	30	1	133	10	25	35	4	25	10	00		
J. D. Ray,	Hopewell and Mt.												
	Carmel,			243						5	00		
W. B. Milvaine,	East Liberty,	25	7	118	3	7	10	25	00	10	00		
J. H. Kennedy, Prof.	Centre,	30	9	122	5	17	22	20	00	10	00	39	00
W. Smith, Prof., s. s.	Miller's Run,	12	4	99	3	7	10	21	52	10	00		
		309	186	3421	53	290	343	981	97	214	79	1129	37

Contributions to Education Fund—Mingo and Williamsport, \$16.00; Bethel, \$16.75; 1st church Pittsburgh, \$576.81; Canonsburgh, S. S. \$150.00; Highlands, S. S. \$28.03; 2d Church Pittsburgh, \$162.25; Bethany, \$30.00; Montours, \$125.00; Sharon and Mt. Pisgah, \$4.50; Centre, \$20.

Boyd Mercer and David Stevens, without a pastoral charge. The Congregation of Concord, vacant.

John M'Millan, D. D. S. S. Bethlehem; J. Stockton, S. S. Pine creek; L. Halsey, Prof. Western Theological Seminary; John Joyce, agent, Welch church Pipetown; A. Hamilton, agent.

Licentiates—J. W. Nevin, J. Reed, Aaron Williams, A. Brown, Samuel Caldwell, J. C. Lowrie, Loyal Young.

The Presbytery, moreover report, that on the 3d day of January 1832, they received under their care, as a probationer, for the Gospel ministry, Mr. Samuel Caldwell, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Route, in the General Synod Ulster Ireland; that on the 3d day of February the Rev. Joseph Patterson, departed this life; that on the 18th April, they dismissed, the Rev. James M'Abey, to join

the Presbytery of Athens; on the 21st day of June, they licensed Messrs. John C. Lowrie and Loyal Young to preach the Gospel; on the 31st day of August, Mr. Thomas A. Carothers, a candidate under their care, departed this life, and on the 3d inst. they received Mr. Evans Martin, a foreign minister from the Principality of Wales, on probation.

W. JEFFERY, *Stated Clerk.*

October 17th, 1832.

No. 3. THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE. This Presbytery consists of 16 members, and has under its care, 34 congregations, and 1 candidate, viz :

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNIC'TS.		Total Bapt.	FUNDS.		
		Added last y'r.	On Cert.		Missionary.	Commiss'ry.	
		In Past.			d.	c.	d. c.
Samuel Tait.....	Mercer.....			266			
Johnston Eaton.....	Fairview.....	27		100	17	15 00	2 50
Ira Condit.....	Fairfield, Georgetown and Cool Spring.....	30		207	22	9 14	2 50
Wells Bushnell.....	Meadville.....	55	2	274	69	63 91	8 25
A. M'Cready.....	Middlebrook, Beaver Dam and Union.....	27	2	257	52	7 00	3 00
Thos. Anderson.....	Franklin, Big Sugar Creek.....	23	4	140	12		3 00
P. Chamberlain, S. S.....	Gravel Run, Coneautte.....	2	1	114	7		3 00
Peter Hassinger, S. S.....	Harmansburgh, Northern Bank.....	18		88	15	3 50	2 00
James Alexander.....	Salem Greenville, Big Bend.....	43	5	218	26	12 64	4 39
George A. Lyon.....	Erie.....	75	4	213	81	55 29	6 32
Edson Hart, S. S.....	Springfield.....	82	6	160	46	3 00	3 00
Giles Doolittle.....	North East.....	69	5	160	44	37 50	4 00
Amos Chase, w. c.....	Centreville and Sugar Grove.....			59			
Burford Marcy, w. c.....	Pine Grove and Deerfield.....			29			
George W. Hampson.....	Oil Creek and Concord.....	11		85			
Robert Glenn.....	Mill Creek and Amity.....	4	1	25	1		
	Broken Straw and Warren.....	33		83			
Vacant.....	Big Coneautte.....			20			
	Randolph and Outlet.....	14		35			
		613	30	2535	395	207 04	41 96

Contributions to Education Fund—Salem, Greenville and Big Bend, \$15.37; Erie, 75.

Fairview, 17 Infants; Fairfield, Georgetown and Cool Spring, 22 Infants.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 27th day of June, they ordained George W. Hampson, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Oil creek and Concord; that on the 12th day of September, they ordained Robert Glenn and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Mill creek and Amity; and on the 13th, they dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. Giles Doolittle and the congregation of North East.

JOHNSTON EATON, *Stated Clerk.*

**No. 4. THE PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD.** This Presbytery consists of 14 members, and has under its care, 35 congregations and 1 candidate, viz :

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUN'TS.		BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.									
		Added last y'r	On Ex.	On Cr.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missary.		Commis.		Theo. Sy.			
									D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.		
Thos. E. Hughes,.....	Wellsville,.....															
do. do. S. S.,.....	Bethel, S. S.,.....				79		2	2	2	50	2	52				
James Satterfield,.....	Moorfield,.....	4	3	71		3	3	3	7	12	2	52				
W. Woods,.....	Neshanock,.....	6	2	169		1	15	16	20	00	4	90				
C. Valandingham,.....	New Lisbon,.....	2		283			18	18	17	00	8	39			11	00
Joshua Beer,.....	Middle Sandy and Bethesda,.....	11	6	137	2	16	18				4	20				
Josh. Beer, S. S.,.....	Rehoboth,.....	6	1	39		11	11				2	00				
R. Semple,.....	New Castle & Slip- pery Rock,.....	3	8	259	1	19	20	5	00	14	25					
James Wright,.....	Westfield,.....	1	6	163		15	15			22	98	10	00			
Ward Stafford,.....	Youngstown,.....	18	1	128	5	10	15	28	19	1	88	5	00			
W. Reed,.....	Long Run and New Salem,.....	6	4	301	3	17	20	17	35	7	13	14	25			
Jos. Harper, S. S.,.....	Sandy, Stillfork, s. s. Beavertown,.....	5	9	213		10	10	10	75	14	00	42	00			
R. Dilworth,.....	Pleasant Valley and Middle Beaver,.....	6	2	83	3	27	30	5	71	6	20	5	00			
W. O. Strattan,.....	Canfield and Elsworth,.....	36	6	134	6	16	22			9	75	10	00			
W. Nesbet,.....	Hopewell,.....	13	9	215		16	16	16	00	5	25					
Vacant. {	Brookfield and Hubbard,.....			150												
	Mount Pleasant,.....			188		23	23			7	79	10	00			
	Poland,.....	3	2	106	1	7	8			14	00	8	00			
	Deerfield,.....	1	3	63		2	2			2	28					
	Yellow Creek,.....			51						8	31					
	Newton,.....			55				3	25	1	37					
	Boardman,.....			15												
		122	78	2963	22	232	254	133	67	142	47	115	25			

Contributions to Education Fund—Youngstown, \$29 ; Canfield and Elsworth, \$10.

Vacant Congregations—Bethlehem, Salem and Liberty, Centre and Unity.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 10th day of January last, they dismissed the Rev. James Wright from his pastoral charge of the church at Poland ; that on the 2d inst., they installed the Rev. Robert Dilworth, pastor of the church of Middle Beaver, and that on the 3d inst., they installed the Rev. Thomas E. Hughes, pastor of the church at Wellsville.

ROBERT DILWORTH, *Stated Clerk.*

October 5th, 1832.

No. 5. THE PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON. This Presbytery consists of 19 members, and has under its care 24 congregations, 2 Licentiates, and 2 candidates, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS.			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.							
		Added last y'r.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.		Commissioners.		Theo. S'y.		Educat'n.		
		On Ex.					On Cer.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
Geo. M. Scott,	Mill Creek,.....	15		233	8	19	26	22	00	8	00			57	30
J. Anderson, D.D.	Upper Buffalo,...	9	4	306	2	18	21	80	85	12	00	90	00	76	75
E. Macurdy,...	Cross Roads,.....	9	7	487	2	12	14	90	00	10	00	57	00	111	00
Cephas Dodd,	Lower Ten Mile,			128						5	00				
J. Hervey,....	Forks of Wh'ling, and W. Union,.....	8	5	123	3	16	19	26	00	4	00			51	00
Thomas Hoge,	Claysville,.....	18	5	127	2	18	20			4	00			28	00
David Elliott,...	Washington,.....	11	20	313	5	19	24	67	98	10	00			156	00
John Stockton,...	Cross Creek,.....	21	16	386	4	30	34	71	50	12	00	103	00	98	00
J. McCluskey,...	Three Ridges,....	17	11	269	1	48	49	47	00	12	00	25	00	47	00
David Hervey,...	Mount Prospect,...	11	3	90	17	17	18	37		4	00			16	43
J. W. McKenman,	West Liberty,....	9	6	75	2	11	13	18	00	4	00	17	00	22	50
"	Lower Buffalo,...	7	4	79	1	1	12	75	4	00	36	50	18	00	
R. Campbell, wc	Wheeling, vac'nt,	4		77	3	1	4	60	00	10	00				
W. C. Anderson,	Pigeon Creek,...	47	10	235	3	20	23	45	00	12	00	51	00	52	48
J. Hawkins, wc.	Unity,.....			20											
W. P. Alrich, ss.	East Buffalo,....	1		25	2	2									
John Hales,....	Flatts,.....	8	1	106	3	26	29	3	25	4	00				
W. D. Smith s.s.	Wolf Run,.....	17	2	44	4	8	12	10	00						
" " s.s.	Flats Grave creek.	1	3	23	3	3	15	00							
Rich. Brown, ss.	Three Springs,...	3	2	2	6	6	13	75	2	25	2	50	13	15	
Vacant. ....	Upper Ten Mile,...	119	8	8	67	30	97	4	00	4	00				
		334	100	3525	119	304	414	604	95	119	25	649	00	738	61

Contributions to Contingent Fund—Three Ridges, \$1.00.

D. McConaughy, Prest. Mount Nebo, steadily supplied, Union vacant.

George Marshall and Joseph S. Wylie, Licentiates, and Samuel Moody and James Sloan, Candidates.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 20th of December, 1831, they received Mr. William P. Alrich, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Castle, and on the 17th of April, 1832, ordained him as an Evangelist; that on the same day, they installed the Rev. William C. Anderson pastor of the church of Pigeon creek; that on the day following they licensed Mr. George Marshall; that on the 3d Tuesday of May, they installed the Rev. John Hales, pastor of the church of Flatts, and on the 1st Monday of May, they installed the Rev. James Hervey pastor of the church of West Union; that on the 19th of June, they received as a member, the Rev. David M. Conaughy, from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and on the same day, they ordained the Rev. William D. Smith as an Evangelist; and on the day following, they struck off from their rolls, the name of the Rev. Jacob Lindley who had connected himself with the Cumberland Presbyterians; that on the same day, they licensed Mr. Joseph S. Wylie, to preach the Gospel; that on

the 2d of October, they dismissed the Rev. William Wylie, to join the Presbytery of Lancaster; that on the 20th of June, they dismissed Mr. John Mitchell, a candidate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Winchester, and on the 19th of October, received as a member, the Rev. Richard Brown, from the Presbytery of Richland.

JOHN STOCKTON, *Stated Clerk*.

NO. 6. THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE. This Presbytery consists of 14 members, and has under its care 27 congregations, and 1 licentiate, and 2 candidates, viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNTS.			BAPTISMS.			FUND.			
		Added last ye'r.		Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.		Commis's.	
		On Ex.	On Cert.					D.	C.	D.	C.
Jos. Anderson, s. s.	Jacobsburgh,.....	7		38		2	2				5 00
John Rhea,.....	Beech Spring,.....	15	7	244	3	25	28	60	12		9 00
James Robertson,...	Richmond,.....	12	2	134	2	18	20				4 00
" "	Annapolis,.....	7	3	70		10	10				4 00
Ab. Scott, w. c. ....	Morristown, S. S.,.....	16	2	63							3 00
Thomas Hunt,.....	Two Ridges,.....	25	9	148	2	13	15	41	12		8 00
Jacob Cozad,.....	Big Spring,.....	2	2	45	2	14	16				2 69
" " Stat. Sup.	New Hagerstown,.....	3	1	52	3	5	8				2 31
" " "	Feed Spring,.....	6	6	62	1	8	9				2 00
Salmon Cowles, s. s.,	Fairview,.....	11	8	50	5	11	16				5 00
Charles C. Beatty,...	Steubenville,.....	85	7	214	21	35	56	125	00		12 00
William Wallace,...	Nottingham,.....	4		76	1	14	15				4 00
" " s. s.	Freeport,.....	9	11	53	2	25	27				1 00
John C. Tidball,...	Island Creek,.....	27	8	139	8	52	60				8 00
John M'Arthurs,...	Cadiz,.....	20	15	110	4	37	41				4 00
" "	Ridge,.....	46	2	162	3	43	46				4 00
Benjamin Mitcheil,...	Short Creek,.....	11	8	125		13	13	15	50		3 00
" "	Bloomfield,.....	7	4	45	2	2	4				3 00
Jacob Coon,.....	Crab Apple,.....	6	5	194	1	20	21	100	00		9 00
James Smith, s. s. ....	Centreville,.....	6	2	180	1	9	10				5 00
.....	Union, s. s. ....			19		1	1				
.....	Corinth, s. s. ....		32	32		3	3				
.....	Malaga, s. s. ....	6		28		4	4				
.....	Woodsfield, s. s. ....	1	2	14		2	2				
Vacant. {	Rock Hill,.....			37							
	St. Clairsville,.....	16	6	145	5	29	34				5 00
	Centre,.....	2	2	36		2	2				
		350	144	2500	66	402	489	341	74	103	00

Contributions to Theological Seminary—Beech Spring, \$33.75; Two Ridges, \$19; Big Spring, \$18; Steubenville, \$100.

Contributions to Education Fund—Big Spring \$12; New Hagerstown, \$11; Feed Spring, \$10; Steubenville, \$4.

Licentiate—Thomas M. Chesnut, and 2 candidates.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 3d of April, 1832, they received the Rev. James Smith, from the Presbytery of Washington; that on the — of April, the Rev. Wm. M'Millan, D. D. was removed by death, and on the 3d of October, they received Mr. Thomas M. Chesnut, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Washington.

CHARLES C. BEATTY, *Stated Clerk*

No. 7. THE PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY. This Presbytery consists of 11 members, and has under its care 29 congregations. viz:

MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUN'TS.			BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.						
		Added last y'r.	On Cert.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.	Commiss'ns.			Theo. S'y.		
									D.	C.	D.	C.	D.	C.
Abraham Boyd,...	Bull creek,.....	11	1	105	5	20	25	4	87	3	41			
Cyrus Riggs,....	Scrubgrass,.....	2	2	81		3	3	6	74	3	82			
Reed Bracken,...	Nebo and Middlesex,....	1		138		7	7			1	15	11	75	
John Reddick,...	Slate Lick and Union,....	9	5	200	3	14	17			5	00			
John Core,.....	Licking and Rehoboth,...	13	8	372		15	15	11	20	6	00	11	31	
John Munson,...	Plain Grove and Centre.	6	2	225		11	11	22	53	4	50	22	82	
John Coulter,...	Butler, Concord & Muddy Creek,.....	8	7	299	3	23	26			8	53	13	50	
J. Moore,.....	Cross Roads & Deer Creek,	14	2	102	3	15	18			10	04	1	00	
John Glenn,....	Richland and Rockland,...	11	3	111	1	24	25	19	00	1	00	6	00	
Statedly Supplied,	Eight Tracts, .....	1	5	40		4	4			1	22	3	00	
		77	36	1981	15	116	131	64	35	44	68	74	38	

Contributions to Education Fund.—Bull Creek, \$164; Scrubgrass, \$6; Nebo and Middlesex, \$1; Licking and Rehoboth, \$11.50; Plain Grove and Centre, \$7; Butler, Concord and Muddy Creek, \$4; Cross Roads and Deer Creek, \$5; Unity, \$1.75; in all, \$31.89.

Robert M'Garrah, S. S. Hezekiah May, without a pastoral charge.

Vacant Congregations.—Unity, 35 members; Bethel and Beulah, 107 members; Beech Woods; Shippensville; Bear Creek, 57 members; Pine Grove; Freeport; and Tarentum.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 4th day of April last, they received the Rev. James Campbell, from the Presbytery of Blairsville, and on the 26th day of September, they dismissed him, to join the same Presbytery.

JOHN MUNSON, *Stated Clerk.*

No. 8. THE PRESBYTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE. This Presbytery consists of 14 members, and has under its care 24 congregations, 1 licentiate, and 1 candidate, viz:



MINISTERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNICANTS		BAPTISMS.			FUNDS.					
		Added last y'r.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Missionary.	Commis't.	Theo. Sem'y.	D.	C.	D.
		On Ex.	On Cer.									
Francis Laird,...	Murrysville, .....	14	79	3	26	29		3	73			
James Graham,...	Beulah, .....	9	2	176	2	12	14					
John Reed,...	Indiana and Gilgal, .....	17	3	227	5	36	41	22	68	4	00	
Thomas Davis,...	Salem and Blairsville,...	30	11	393	5	50	55	30	00	11	50	37 00
Samuel Swan,...	Fairfield, Ligonier and Donegal, .....	43	2	462	6	32	38	10	00	6	00	45 50
J. H. Kirkpatrick,...	Harmony and Armagh,...	9	1	138		9	9			4	00	
S. M'Ferran,...	Congruity, .....	15	8	304	31	31	64	00	7	50	59 50	
E. D. Barret,...	Lower Plum Creek and Glade Run, .....	17	4	167	1	21	22			5	00	
Watson Hughes,...	Saltsburgh and Warren, ..	22	21	228	2	40	42	21	12	7	50	61 94
J. Campbell, w. c.	Eldersridge, .....	2	2	55						1	52	
		183	54	3116	24	257	281	147	80	50	75	203 94

Contributions to Education Fund.—Salem and Blairsville, \$15.53; Fairfield, Ligonier and Donegal, \$15; Congruity \$75.78; Saltsburgh and Warren, \$15.50; in all, \$121.81.

Vacant Congregations.—Kittanning, 24 members; Bethel and Ebenezer, 454 members; Washington and Crooked Creek; Plum Creek and Poke Run, S. S. 409 members.

Without a Pastoral Charge.—Jos. W. Henderson, David Barclay and Jesse Smith. D. Lewis, S. S. A. D. Pollock, licentiate.

The Presbytery moreover report, that on the 3d day of April last, they dismissed the Rev. James Campbell, to join the Presbytery of Allegheny; that on the 13th inst. they licensed Mr. Abraham D. Pollock to preach the gospel; that on the same day they changed the name of the congregation of West Union to Blairsville; on the 18th inst. they received the Rev. James Campbell from the Presbytery of Allegheny, and the Rev. David Lewis, of the Staffordshire Association of Congregational Ministers, who had been a year on probation. *SAMUEL M'FERRAN, Stated Clerk.*

Oct. 19, 1832.

Synod adjourned to meet in the 1st Presbyterian church, in the city of Pittsburgh, on the 3d Wednesday of October, 1833, at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with singing, prayer, and the Apostolical benediction.

Attest,

WILLIAM JEFFERY, *Stated Clerk*

Thus far examined and approved in the General Assembly. Philadelphia, May 27, 1833.

WILLIAM A. M'DOWELL, *Mod.*

### ERRATA.

Page 116; date 1810 should be 1816.  
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" 85; the name of the Clerk elected should  
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" " Francis Laird and John Anderson,	- - - -	1807
" " Thomas Hughes and William M'Millan,	- - - -	1808
" " James Hughes and William Wylie,	- - - -	1809
" " William Wick and Robert Patterson,	- - - -	1810
" " James Hughes and John Wright,	- - - -	1811
" " Samuel Ralston and Joseph Stockton,	- - - -	1812
" " James Hughes and William Wylie,	- - - -	1813
" " Robert Johnston and Michael Law,	- - - -	1814
" William M'Millan chosen Clerk,	- - - -	1815
" Joseph Stockton appointed Clerk to the Synod,	- - - -	
" Harvey Coe, Clerk,	- - - -	1816
" John Seward, "	- - - -	1817
" Joseph Treat, "	- - - -	1818
" Thomas Hoge, "	- - - -	1819
" Andrew Wylie, "	- - - -	1820
" Joseph Treat, "	- - - -	1821
" Thomas Hoge, "	- - - -	1822
" Randolph Stone, "	- - - -	1823
" Andrew Wylie, "	- - - -	1824
" C. C. Beatty, "	- - - -	1825
" C. C. Beatty, "	- - - -	1826
" Thomas Hoge, "	- - - -	1827
" Thomas D. Baird, "	- - - -	1828
" Thomas Hoge, "	- - - -	1829
" Thomas Hoge, "	- - - -	1830
" Messrs. Thomas Hoge and T. D. Baird,	- - - -	1831
" " Thomas Hoge and C. C. Beatty,	- - - -	1832





